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OF

THE SYNOD

OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN CHARLESTON, (S. C.)

November 1841.

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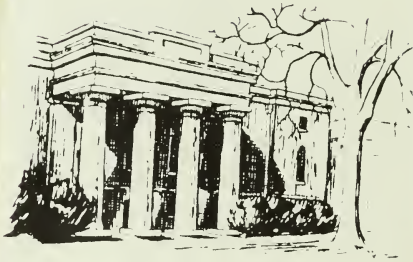
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SYNOD
OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

First Session.

LECTURE ROOM 2d PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
 Charleston, Nov. 18th, 1841—7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Leland, from 1 Cor. 1, 21. "For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Edwin Cater, J. F. Gibert, Wm. H. Davis, Wm. McWhorter, John McKittrick.	James Gillam, of	Rocky Creek.

Presbytery of Hopewell.

R. Chamberlain, A. Church, D. D., S. S. Davis, N. Hoyt, D. D., F. Bowman, S. K. Talmage, A. N. Cunningham, J. W. Baker, H. Safford, G. H. W. Petrie.	B. King, of J. W. Robinson, James Lemon, Wm. Shear,	Roswell. Washington. Manetta. Augusta.
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Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Brown,	Saml. McBride, of	Salem Black River.
T. R. English,	James Aiken,	Salem, Little River.
Wm. M. Reid,	R. L. Comander,	Bishopville.
R. C. Ketchum,	Wm. C. Robinson,	Lebanon.
D. McQueen,	Thos. E. Dickey,	Harmony.
P. Pearson,	E. W. Green,	Darlington.
D. J. Auld,	Saml. McFadden,	Midway.
M. Peden,	James McKown,	Hopewell.
H. B. Cunningham,	R. R. Durant,	Concord.
S. Donnelly,	Hugh Wilson,	Mount Zion.
A. G. Peden,	D. Miller,	Beaver Creek.
M. D. Frazer,		
G. C. Gregg,		

Presbytery of Charleston

A. W. Leland, D. D.,	G. T. Snowden, of	Columbia.
B. Gildersleeve,	J. Dewees,	2nd Presbyterian.
Geo. Howe, D. D.,	Hugh Wilson,	John's Island & Wad- malaw.
J. Wallace,	D. Ardis,	Beach Island.
Thomas Smyth,		
G. W. Boggs,		
J. F. Lanneau.		

Presbytery of Georgia.

C. C. Jones,	None.
W. Baird,	
I. S. K. Axson,	
John Jones.	

Presbytery of Flint River.

J. S. Wilson,	None.
J. C. Patterson,	
T. F. Montgomery.	

Presbytery of Bethel.

J. Douglass,	James King, of	Catholic.
J. R. Gilland,		
J. H. Caldwell,		
Wm. Banks,		
D. McN. Turner.		

Presbytery of Florida.

None.	None.
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ABSENT

Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. B. Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, W. H. Barr, D. D., John Boggs, A. W. Ross, D. Humphreys, B. D. Dupree, W. Carlile, I. W. Waddel, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, Samuel B. Lewers, James Lewers, Wm. H. Harris, J. Hillhouse.

Presbytery of Hopewell.

E. Pharr, J. Harrison, J. W. Reid, F. R. Goulding, Richard Hooker, C. P. Beman, J. Gamble, J. Warnok, J. Freeman, J. Templeton, N. A. Pratt, Wm. Quillin.

Presbytery of Harmony.

R. W. James, W. Brearly, R. W. Bailey, J. McFarland R. C. Campbell, J. C. Coit, J. Harrington, J. L. Wilson, A. Buie.

Presbytery of Charleston.

W. A. McDowell, D.D., A. Buist, A. Gilchrist, J. J. Dugrose, J. B. Adger, J. H. Thornwell, T. L. McBride.

Presbytery of Georgia.

W. McWhir, D. D., Robert Quarterman, Horace Galpin, J. M. Jones, John Winn.

Presbytery of Bethel.

R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams, J. B. Davies, A. Williams, S. L. Watson, W. B. Davies, P. E. Bishop, S. B. O. Wilson, J. H. Saye.

Presbytery of Flint River.

T. Goulding, D. D., J. W. Alexander, J. Stratton, A. M. Mooney, L. W. Corbin, M. Dickson, S. J. Cassels, R. T. Marks, G. W. McCoy, W. K. Patton.

Presbytery of Florida.

John Brown, D. D., P. F. Phelps, B. Burroughs, J. E. Graves, R. M. Baker, Eli Graves, Joshua Phelps.

Rev. S. S. Davis, was then unanimously chosen Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve Temporary Clerk.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Second Session.

Friday, Nov. 19th. 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as last evening.

The Minutes were read, together with the Minutes of the previous Session.

Those present who were absent last year, were called upon for their several excuses, which were sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees.

On Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers.*—J. S. Wilson, R. Chamberlain, T. R. English, and E. Cater. *Elders.*—Samuel McBride, Wm. Shear, Hugh Wilson, (of Charleston Presbytery,) J. W. Robinson.

Judicial Committee.—Mr. Talmage, J. C. Patterson, W. Baird, W. Shear, Hugh Wilson, (Harmony,) James Gillam, B. King.

Committee on the Narrative.—G. Howe, D. D. N. Hoyt, D. D. S. K. Talmage, with Elder, J. Lemon.

Committees on Presbyterial Records, viz:—On those of *South Carolina*, J. Douglas, G. H. W. Petrie, with Elder, D. Miller.

Hopewell.—Mr. Donnelly, W. Baird, with Elder, E. W. Green.

Harmony.—N. Hoyt, D. D., E. Cater, with Elder, H. Wilson, of Charleston Presbytery.

Charleston.—C. C. Jones, I. S. K. Axson, with Elder, B. King.

Georgia.—J. S. Wilson, J. C. Patterson, with Elder, J. Dewees.

Bethel.—Mr. Frazer, Mr. Safford, with Elder, D. Ardis.

Flint River.—F. Bowman, J. W. Baker, with Elder, Wm. Shear.

Florida.—John Jones, Mr. Gibert, with Elder, Mr. Dickey.

Committee on Religious Services.—Rev. T. Smyth, W. Baird, J. Dewees.

Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.—F. Bowman, Dr. Hoyt, R. C. Ketchum, J. Brown, with Elders, J. H. Aiken, and S. McFadden.

Committee on Finance.—Wm. Shear, and Rev. C. C. Jones.

Rev. Dr. Curtis of the Baptist Church, and Rev. W. Eells, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Stated Clerk laid before Synod a communication from the Synod of Virginia, on the subject of Theological Seminaries at the South, which was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. T. Smyth, Dr. Church, Dr. Leland, Dr. Howe, and C. C. Jones, with the Elders, G. T. Snowden, and Gen. Gillam.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures were ordered to meet immediately after the recess of this body, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Stated Clerk reported to the Synod that their last year's assessment on the Presbyteries, had been met by the Presbyteries of Bethel, Charleston, Hopewell and Georgia. But that nothing as yet had been received from the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Harmony and Flint River. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. McDowell, and Rev. John Winn, and also a verbal communication from the Rev. Dr. McWhir, assigning reasons for their absence, which were sustained.

The letter of Dr. McDowell, was referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

It was stated to the Synod, that the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, had appointed a Committee to confer with an equal number which may be appointed by this Synod, on the subject of uniting the two Synods; whereupon a Committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Leland, T. Smyth, J. Wallace, and J. Douglas, with Elders, G. T. Snowden, and H. Wilson, (Charleston) were appointed to consider the subject and report.

Rev. J. Forrest, of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Scotland, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A Communication was received from the Synod of Alabama on the subject of Literary and Theological Institutions, which was read and referred to the Committee raised on the Communication from the Synod of Virginia.

The committee on Education presented their report, which was read, accepted, and recommitted to the same Committee, with the addition of Mr. Shear.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Humphreys assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to receive from the Presbyteries, Statistical Reports, and Reports on the State of Religion.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Charleston, presented their Report, recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, to hear the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions; and for $\frac{1}{2}$ before 11 o'clock, to hear the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

By permission of Synod, the subject of the troubles in the Church of Scotland, was presented to their consideration, and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Resolved, That so much of the letter of the Synod of Alabama, as relates to Oglethorpe University, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs, Bowman, Brown, and Baker, with Elders, Mr. Shear; and Mr. Wilson, of Harmony.

On inquiry, it appeared that the Pastors of the Churches had generally observed the first Sabbath in March, as a day of prayer, for an increase of labors in the vineyard, according to the resolutions of the Synod at its last meeting:

Rev. T. F. Scott of the Synod of Tennessee, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod then had a recess to meet at four o'clock this afternoon

Third Session.

Four o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Present as above, together with Mr. D. E. Campbell, Elder of the Church at Macon, whose excuse for not coming sooner was sustained.

The Committee on bills and Overtures presented overture No. 1, on the subject referred to them by Synod, which was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock on Monday.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was to receive statistical reports, and reports on the State of religion from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported that they consist of twenty two members, and have under their care thirty-six churches, two licentiates, and one candidate. That they have received the Rev. N. A. Pratt from the Presbytery of Georgia, and Rev. R. Chamberlain from Flint River Presbytery. That they have received under their care Jas. B. Dunwoody from the Presbytery of Charleston, and have licensed him and Wm. P. Harrison to preach the Gospel as probationers.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have 25 Churches, one licentiate, and one

candidate under their care. That they have dissolved the Mount Moriah Church, and received the Rev. Mr. Frazer from the Presbytery of South Alabama, and installed him Pastor of Lebanon Ch. That they have dismissed H. A. Monroe a licentiate, to put himself under the care of Bethel Presbytery. That they have licensed John D. Wilson, George C. Gregg, and D. E. Frierson to preach the Gospel. That they have dismissed Mr. Wilson to put himself under the care of South Carolina Presbytery, and have ordained and installed Mr. Gregg Pastor of Salem Church, Black River, and that the Rev. R. W. James had departed this life.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported that they consist of seven Ministers, and have under their care eight Churches, one Licentiate, and one Candidate. That they have lost by death the Rev. Joseph L. Jones—that they have dismissed the Rev. Horace Galpin to join the Second Presbytery of New York—that they have ordained the Rev. John Jones, and installed him Pastor of Bryan Church, and licensed Mr. Charles S. Dod.

The Presbytery of Charleston reported, that they consist of thirteen members, and have under their care six churches, two Licentiates, and one Candidate for the Ministry. That they have licensed Mr. Samuel H. Hay and Mr. B. M. Palmer, jr. to preach the Gospel—that they have installed the Rev. G. W. Boggs Pastor of Bethel (otherwise known as Walterboro,) Church—and that they have dismissed the Rev. A. Gilchrist to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

The Presbytery of Flint River reported, that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care thirty-four churches, three Licentiates, and one Candidate for the Ministry. That the Rev. Wm. K. Patton, and the Licentiate J. B. Smith, who had been dismissed to join the Presbytery of South Alabama, have returned their dismissions and are therefore still in our connexion—that they have dismissed the Rev. R. Chamberlain to join the Presbytery of Hopewell, and the Rev. A. M. Mooney to join the Presbytery of South Alabama—that Rev. R. T. Montgomery had departed this life—that they have ordained Rev. Aaron H. Hand as an Evangelist—that they have received W. M. Cunningham from the Presbytery of Lexington—that they have received under their care the Church of West Point—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Church at Macon and the Rev. S. J. Cassels, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of East Hanover—that they have dissolved the Church at Fayetteville, and have attached its members to the Church at Union Chapel.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported, that they consist of thirteen Ministers and twenty one churches, one Licentiate, and three Candidates—that they have dismissed Rev. Aaron Williams to join the Presbytery of Transylvania—that they have dismissed Mr. Woods, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of ——— Presbytery, in Kentucky—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. B. O. Wilson and the churches of Hopewell and Six Mile Creek—that they have ordained and installed Rev. William Banks Pastor of Catholic Church, and Hugh A. Munroe Pastor of the Church at Unionville, and received Rev. D. McNeil Turner from the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

From the Presbytery of Florida there was no Statistical Report; but it was verbally reported that the Rev. P. F. Phelps had departed this life.

Written reports on the state of religion, were received from the Presbyteries of Charleston, Harmony, Flint River, and Georgia, which were committed to the Committee on the Narrative.

By permission of Synod, individuals from the Presbyteries from which there were no reports, furnished statements of an interesting nature, of which notes were taken by the Committee on the Narrative.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented their report, announcing the order of services for to-morrow evening, which was adopted and is as follows, (viz.) 1. Singing and prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bowman. 2. An address on the duty of Ministers to themselves, by the Rev. C. C. Jones. 3. Singing and prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Donnelly. 4. An address on the duty of Ministers and Elders to the Churches, by Prof. Talmage. 5. Singing and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Brown. 6. An address by the Rev. Mr. Baker, on the duty of the Church to the world at large.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Fourth Session.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 20—9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday. The Minutes were read.

The following Committee on Education, for two years, was then appointed, (viz.) Dr. Leland, Dr. Howe, Mr. Thornwell, G. T. Snowden, Sidney Crane, W. Law, T. Wells, D. Ewart, and John A. Crawford.

Inquiries were made of the Ministers as to their observance of the first Sabbath of January last, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, when it appeared that the day had been generally observed for the object specified.

Synod proceeded to nominate Directors for the Theological Seminary for the three ensuing years. A list of the individuals nominated was then directed to be posted upon the door, and it was made the order of the day for the election on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Synod then took up the consideration of the time and place of the next meeting, when it was decided that it should be held at Athens, Ga., on the third Thursday of November, 1842, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Mr. Sewell and Rev. Mr. Stacy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Protestant Methodist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee of Publication presented their Report, in which they state that they have published 500 copies of the Minutes and distributed them as directed—and that the amount assessed upon the Presbyteries to be paid in advance, would have been sufficient to defray the expense, had all the Presbyteries met the assessment, which was accepted.

The committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery presented their report, which was read and accepted; and on motion it was ordered, that a copy of the report be inserted on the minutes of the Presbytery of Harmony, with directions to have that portion of them which is irregular and defective, corrected and transcribed.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was to hear the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University. This Report was read by Col. Grieve, a member of the Board of Trustees, which, on motion, was accepted, and referred to a Committee of five, viz: Col. D. C. Campbell, Rev. C. C. Jones, Rev. T. Smyth, Rev. Mr. Bowman, and B. King.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their Report, which was read by Mr. Smyth, and on motion it was accepted; and after some discussion it was recommitted to the same committee.

The Stated Clerk reported that there was in his hands an appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Charleston, by James McMahan, which was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Financial Committee reported, that the only item of business which had been committed to their hands, was the Stated Clerk's salary of Fifty (\$50) Dollars, which they rec-

omments should be apportioned among the Presbyteries as follows, viz :

South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	\$7 00
Harmony,	-	-	-	-	9 00
Bethel,	-	-	-	-	4 00
Flint River,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Georgia,	-	-	-	-	4 00
Charleston,	-	-	-	-	8 00
Hopewell,	-	-	-	-	9 00
Florida,	-	-	-	-	3 00
					\$50 00

The Committee would also report to the Synod that the following Presbytery has not paid the amount assessed at the last meeting of Synod, viz :—Flint River, \$24 90.

The committee recommend that the delinquent Presbytery be now called upon to make some arrangement for the payment of the assessments of the last Synod, and that all the Presbyteries be requested, if possible, to pay the assessment of the present Synod."

The above Report was adopted.

Whereupon Bethel Presbytery paid \$5, and South Carolina Presbytery, \$3 44.

The Committee on the Records of Georgia Presbytery presented their Report, recommending in highly complimentary terms, that they be approved to page 49, which was adopted.

The Committees on the Records of Florida, Bethel, Hopewell, and South Carolina Presbyteries, severally reported that the Records had not been put into their hands, when, on motion, these Committees were discharged.

Synod had a recess to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fifth Session.

Four o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 2, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :—

"Whereas it is of the first importance to the prosperity of our beloved Zion, that the Churches should be aroused to a full realization of the responsibilities resting upon them, to come up to the help of the Lord, by their uniform and systematic contributions of pecuniary aid to the great and leading

charities of our Church, to wit, Education, and Foreign and Domestic Missions; and whereas little has been done heretofore by the Churches within the bounds of this Synod, compared with their ability to aid in these important works; and in view of the great need of more efficient laborers in the Gospel field, at home and abroad, and also in view especially of the wide and increasing destitutions within the bounds of this Synod, therefore it is hereby

Resolved 1, That this Synod would solemnly remind the Presbyteries and Churches under its care, of their very great responsibilities, and of the urgent and sacred claims of the Great Head and King of Zion upon their efforts to spread the savor of his name among all nations.

Resolved 2, That Synod enjoin upon the several Presbyteries within its bounds, at their next meeting, to adopt some systematic mode of contributing to the several great and interesting objects which at present have claims upon us as a Church.

Resolved 3, That in the opinion of this Synod every Church member should contribute annually, if it be but the widow's mite, to these important objects, and with as much regularity as the taxes of civil government are paid."

Mr. John Workman, an Elder from the Church of Camden, appeared in Synod and took his seat as a member.

The committee reported Overture No. 3, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Records of Flint River, presented their Report, recommending that the book be approved to page 271, which was adopted.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was read and accepted; and its several items were ordered to be placed on the docket.

Overture No. 3, which relates to the division of the Synod was taken up, and discussed on the motion to adopt, when Synod agreed to have a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

Sixth Session.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and proceeded to the customary religious exercises, when the several individuals designated in the Report of the committee, took their respective parts in these solemn exercises.

After which, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Seventh Session.*Monday Morning, Nov. 22—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

On motion, the call of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes were read.

A letter was received from Rev. J. C. Coit, containing an excuse for absence, which was sustained.

The committee to whom was recommitted the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented the following, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

“That during the year ending on the 16th Nov. inst. they have received from congregations and individuals, including the donation from the Lambert estate, and the income of the three scholarships belonging to the Seminary, the sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty-one dollars and 86 cents. That during the same year, their disbursements to the aid of eight Beneficiaries, and the payment of the Rev. Mr. Sparrow's salary, amounted to one thousand four hundred and eighty-four dollars, 78 cents.”

This leaves a balance of six hundred and sixty seven dollars and 8 cents ; which balance being deducted from the debt due by the committee at the beginning of the year amounting to eight hundred and forty two dollars and 37 cents. leaves the indebtedness of the committee at the beginning of the present Synodical year, one hundred and seventy-five dollars 28 cents.

J. W. Robinson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Wm. Dearing, elder of the Church at Athens, being present, offered reasons for his delay, which were sustained.

The Judicial Committee presented their report, on the appeal of Mr. McMahan, when it was recommitted to the same committee.

The unfinished business of Saturday evening, (viz.) Overture No 3. on the division of the Synod, was taken up, and discussed, but postponed for the purpose of taking up the order of the day, which was the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, for the three ensuing years—and Mr. Shear and Mr. Bowman were appointed a committee to receive the ballots and declare the result.

The Judicial Committee presented their amended report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

“That the case is in order for trial ; and that the order of procedure is found in sec. iii. art. 8. of Book of Discipline.”

“The next order of the day was taken up which was the Re-

port of the Committee to which was referred the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University ; which was read and accepted, and, on motion to adopt, a discussion arose, which occupied the principal part of the morning, without coming to any decision.

The next order of the day, which relates to the troubles of the Church of Scotland, was taken up, and postponed till tomorrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

The Committee to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Seminary, reported, That the following individuals were duly elected, viz :

Ministers—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D. D.

Laymen—Job Johnson, of Newbury S. C. ; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga. ; Gen. J. N. Whitner, of Anderson, S. C. ; Dr. Glenn.

Synod then had a recess to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Eighth Session.

Four o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and resumed the discussion on the report of the Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and continued it until it was arrested, on motion for a recess till half past 8 o'clock this evening, which prevailed, after the following individuals obtained leave of absence viz : J. S. Wilson, G. W. Boggs, P. Pearson, H. Wilson, (Harmony) Dr. Durant, and R. L. Comander.

Ninth Session.

Half past 8 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and proceeded to the unfinished business, which was the Report of the Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, which was adopted and is as follows, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod has learned with great satisfaction, from the Report of the Board of Trustees, that the Institution under their direction is steadily advancing towards the accomplishment of the great and important objects contemplated by its founders and by this Synod, when it agreed to lend to it its countenance and support, and extend over it its su-

pervision ; and that the Synod anxiously anticipate the day as not far distant, when, if our Southern Zion is true to her principles, to the ancient usages of the Presbyterian Church, and to her own best interests, she will have an Institution within her own borders of an elevated character, where her sons can be educated in her own faith and order ; and an Institution which, with the blessings of heaven upon it, will send forth in numbers hitherto unprecedented to our Theological Seminary, and thence to our destitute Churches and waste places, as well as to the heathen world, those who will be the heralds of that salvation which it is the paramount duty of the Church to proclaim to a dying world.

2. *Resolved*, That in order, as early as practicable, to place the Institution in a position in which its designs can be accomplished, and its sphere of usefulness extended, that a systematic and determined effort should at once be made, to endow several of its Professorships.

3. *Resolved*, That to this end, the Synod lend its aid, and zealous co-operation to the Board of Trustees, in the endowment of two Professorships—one by the South Carolina and the other by the Georgia portion of the Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod cordially recommend the Institution to the prayers, the countenance, and the patronage of our whole Southern Church, and especially to her sister Synods of Alabama and Mississippi, and the Presbytery of Florida, and respectfully invite each of these bodies to endow a Professorship in the University, with the distinct pledge, agreeably to the recommendation of the Trustees, that each shall at all times have the nomination of its Professor, and the liberty to withdraw its endowment, whenever the University shall cease to be Presbyterian in its character, or deviate from that rule of faith and order now recognized by this Synod.

Overture No. 3, which related to the division of the Synod, was then taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

“ The Committee appointed to draw up a Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of Synod, beg leave to present the following Reports from the several Presbyteries, as embodying all the facts which they are able to communicate.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

This Presbytery has sent up no written report of the State of Religion within its bounds. But from verbal reports of its members we learn that the several congregations are enjoying the influences of the Holy Spirit, in a degree in which

they have not been felt for some years past. Attendance on the worship of God is good, and to a number of Churches considerable additions have been made. At Pendleton Old Court House there has been more than usual attention to the subject of religion, and many are inquiring what they must do to be saved. The infant Church at Anderson Court House has been cheered by a considerable accession to its numbers, and by the manifest presence of the Spirit of God. Sabbath Schools generally exist in connexion with the several congregations, and particular persons are taken to instruct the young in the doctrines and discipline of our Church. Attention is paid to the instruction of the colored people, though it cannot be said that ministers or teachers are doing their full duty towards them. The cause of Temperance is advancing, and the Presbytery has resolved to employ a Missionary to travel within its bounds to preach to destitute congregations, and make known, where an opportunity offers, the good news of salvation through Christ.

The number of candidates for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, is seven. Four were received at its last meeting, and the hearts of the brethren are cheered by this evidence—that the Lord of the harvest has heard the prayers of the Church for more labourers, and does not design to leave that portion of Zion destitute of Pastors, who shall lead them in the footsteps of the flock.

Presbytery of Hopewell.

No written report of the state of religion has been received from the Presbytery of Hopewell. From verbal statements we learn that the Churches of Lexington, La Fayette, and Salem, have been sharers to a greater or less degree in a work of grace; and that the Missionary employed by this Presbytery reports an increase of religious feelings in the congregations which he visits. The work of grace at Lexington has been remarkably deep and powerful. Many interesting circumstances were related to the Synod, to show the power of the Gospel, and the mighty subduing influences of the Spirit over the hearts and characters of men. The tide of intemperance has been arrested, the bitterness of political strife abated or removed, and misunderstandings and feuds wholly done away. So that those of our congregations that are suffering under these dreadful evils, may know that they are proofs of the absence of the Holy Ghost from their midst; and that if he should return among them, harmony would be restored, and the most incurable disorders healed.

The Church at Washington was reported to be in an en-

couraging state. Considerable interest in religion is felt among the youth, especially among those connected with the Female Seminary, under the care of that Church. Among these, 10 or 12 are inquiring what they must do to be saved. The Synod are glad to hear that this Church is taking more efficient means for the instruction and salvation of their servants; that almost every family connected with it maintains family devotion, and that Temperance prevails in that community.

From the Augusta Church no very particular report was received. But it was stated that this important Church has still continued its contributions to benevolent objects, and observes with interest the ordinances and worship of God's house. Three or four hundred members were reported as belonging to the Temperance Society in that place.

From other Churches in this Presbytery no particular report has been received.

The Presbytery of Harmony.

The Presbytery of Harmony in presenting to the Synod the Report of the state of religion within their bounds, lament that they have it not in their power to speak of great and wondrous works, wrought by the Spirit of God in their midst.— We have had, during the past year, no revivals of religion, in any of our Churches; and in but few has that interesting state of religious feeling existed, which indicates a healthful, growing piety. Some Churches have reported no accessions to their numbers, and others very few. We have had no reports on the subject of family religion, nor respecting meetings for social prayer; but we have reason to fear that both are too commonly neglected. Our people generally manifest too much of a spirit of conformity to the world, and too little of that heavenly conversation, which at all times characterize those who are, by profession, “strangers and pilgrims in the earth.”

But while we feel called on to mourn our low estate, we have still great cause to thank the God of all grace, that he has not wholly forsaken us. All our Churches, with only one or two exceptions, are regularly supplied with the preached Gospel, either the whole or half of the time. The attendance on the outward means of grace is generally good, and in many congregations, increasing. Four or five Churches report considerable additions, some as many as twenty-two members in the course of the year; and in these as might be expected, a good degree of religious life is manifest. The monthly concert has been generally observed, and some aid afforded

to the different objects of religious benevolence connected with the Presbyterian Church, especially the cause of Foreign Missions and Education. Our Churches however have not yet become sufficiently alive to their duty on the subject of religious charity, and we fear that much of the blame rests on our ministers, because they have not taken due pains to inform the people of their respective charges, relative to the claim which Christ and his Church have upon them. In Sabbath Schools, the children and youth of our congregations are instructed in the doctrines of the Church, and the other truths contained in the word of God.

The colored population, besides the opportunity afforded them, of attending on the Gospel preached to the white congregation, have generally received special instruction every Sabbath by catechising, and a simple style of preaching adapted to their capacities. Only five Churches report that they have not attended to this matter, and in each of these the number of colored hearers is very small. In some Churches there have been considerable accession from this class. But they have manifested less interest in these instructions during the past, than in some former years. Their average number of colored hearers in the aggregate is from 1200 to 1800. The number of colored communicants bears a fair proportion to that of whites. While therefore we would cherish the hope that God has not entirely deserted us, we feel imperatively called on to be more importunate at the throne of grace for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,—that God would revive his work in the hearts of his people, and add daily to our numbers, such as shall be saved.”

Presbytery of Charleston.

This Presbytery reports as follows :—

During the present year no events or changes of special interest in the state of things within our bounds, have occurred. Our churches, with one exception are supplied with Pastors, and the ordinances of the Gospel are regularly enjoyed and well attended. No special revival of religion has occurred, and we have to mourn over much coldness and formality. Still we have cause of gratitude in the harmony and respectful attendance upon the preached word, which generally prevail among us. The Monthly Concert of prayer for the success of Foreign Missions, has been regularly observed. Sunday School instruction is regularly given in all our congregations ; and an increased solicitude is evinced for the spiritual interests of the coloured population. On the whole, while we have abundant cause for deep humiliation on account of

our unfaithfulness, we have also manifold reasons for devout thankfulness to God for unmerited mercies."

Presbytery of Georgia.

Touching the state of religion, and the condition of the Churches within the bounds of the Presbytery of Georgia, during the last year, Reports have been received as follows :

1. *St. Augustine.*—By a letter from this Church, we learn that they are still without a Pastor. Rev. Mr. Tees who had been acting as S. S. left about three months ago. Since which time the Church has been partially supplied by the Rev. Mr. Estill. Nothing known respecting the State of Religion—nor any further particulars from that Church.

2. *St. Marys.*—Owing to the necessary absence of the Pastor of this Church, during part of the summer in quest of health, its pulpit has been less regularly supplied than usual. Since his return the ordinary attendance upon the Sabbath preaching has been good. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous state—its library increasing—the Boards of the Church are supported. Liberal contributions have been made to the Bible Society—the Missionary cause—and a handsome donation by one individual to our Theological Seminary. The religious instruction of the colored people has been as usual—no visible tokens of the special presence of the Spirit, during the season.

3. *Linton Grove Church* has for some time been in a declining state, growing out of the fact, that since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Galpin, they have been without a Pastor. At present they are without a preacher, the operations of the S. School are likewise suspended.

4. *Waynesville Church* is in a very similar condition, their supply having left after a short stay. It is thought that this Church, and that of L. Grove might conveniently unite in the support of a minister, in which case a fine field of labor would be opened, especially among the colored people.

5. *Darien Church* reports, that at each communion season, there have been additions. There have been seasons of religious interest, particularly in the early part of the spring, which promised happy results.—Prayer meetings well attended—Boards of the Church supported—S. School flourishing—the colored people of this Church and County have, during the past season, at their own expense, repaired and fitted up the old Presbyterian Church building, in which they now hold regular meetings.

6. The Ministers of the *Liberty County Congregational Church*, report respecting their labors, that the different congregations into which this Church separated during the

summer season have been regularly supplied on the Sabbaths, with various social and religious exercises, in the shape of Lectures, Bible Classes, and Prayer Meetings. There has been nothing peculiar to discourage—at the same time no extensive and deep impressions—and fewer additions to our communion than for several years past. Perhaps the face of the Church as a whole, would indicate a decline of spiritual feeling.

Missionary's Report.

7. We learn that the attendance at the Bryan Church has been rather larger than usual during the summer—a stated meeting of the Elders and Pastors has been established, by which it is anticipated the welfare of the Church will be advanced—watchman's meetings among the colored people have been established with good results—a weekly prayer meeting is observed.

8. *Savannah Church* has been, since our last meeting, deprived of the labors of their Pastor, Rev. T. L. Jones, who after a lingering illness, departed this life in June last. The Church however has been uniformly opened on the Sabbath, with a fair attendance. For a while they were supplied with preaching by a Baptist brother—and afterwards services were conducted by the Elders—a sermon being read with prayer and singing. The weekly prayer meeting has been continued, though for want of a leader the Monthly Concert has been suspended. They have recently invited Mr. B. M. Palmer, a Licentiate of Charleston Presbytery to settle among them, who has signified his willingness to accept of their call, and is expected at an early day, to be ordained and installed as their Pastor."

Presbytery of Bethel.

From this Presbytery no Narrative has been sent up to Synod. From verbal statements we learn that most of the Churches have had additions to their numbers during the past year, and that the cause of Christ, within its bounds, is advancing surely, though not with such rapidity as to excite marked attention.

Presbytery of Flint River.

From this Presbytery the following report has been received:

The territory embraced within the limits of this Presbytery is extensive, the number of Churches under its care is comparatively large, and its Ministers few. The consequence

is, there are many desultions. The Churches are, for the most part, feeble, and unable to give a competent support to their Ministers. The Ministers are compelled to engage in school-keeping, or some other secular employment, to support themselves and to provide for their families. It might naturally be expected, under such circumstances, that there would be much coldness and leanness among the Churches. Our Ministers, however, are generally laborious, and in some instances have been much blessed in their labors. Whilst the greater portion of our Churches have not shared in any special outpouring of the Spirit, a few have been signally blessed. Among these may be mentioned Newnan, Lagrange, and Ebenezer. The work at Newnan was powerful—and continued for some length of time. Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Ministers, with almost unwonted harmony, engaged in advancing the work; and their respective Churches have shared in its blessed fruits. To the Presbyterian Church there have been added some 24 hopeful converts, and other additions are confidently expected. Twenty have been added to the Church at Lagrange, and 15 or 20 to Ebenezer.

In most of the Churches which are blessed with a stated supply of the Word and ordinances, Sabbath Schools have been established, and are exerting their happy influence upon the children of the Church. It is thought also that in compliance with the repeated injunction of Presbytery, parents are paying increased attention to the Catechetical instruction of their children.

A lively interest on the subject of Domestic Missions is beginning to be felt, and measures have been adopted to employ an Evangelist to visit our waste places, and break to the destitute the bread of life.

We have much reason to lament, and yet some cause for joy. "Faint, yet pursuing," may perhaps appropriately describe the condition of our Zion.

Presbytery of Florida.

From this Presbytery no report has been received, in consequence of the death of its Stated Clerk, Rev. Philo F. Phelps.

This outline of the state of our several Presbyteries and Churches, is all which the imperfect reports received by the Synod enables us to give. The Synod would suggest to the Presbyteries that they do themselves and the Churches at large an injury by failing to report fully and in detail the progress of religion in their several congregations. But from what we do learn the Synod is brought to the following conclusions.

1. That on the whole, though laboring under many discouragements and drawbacks, the Church at large, within the bounds of Synod, is slowly advancing. In some instances individual Churches are declining from emigration, contention, or anxiety about the things of this world; but we can speak with encouragement of our prospects, especially now that the Holy Spirit has shown his willingness to bless us. Could we all feel that this heavenly and Almighty Agent, without whose special influences no sinner can be converted, no believer sanctified, no Church built up in knowledge and grace, is even now making overtures of peace to us; could our hearts embrace the offer and close in with it, what happy results might we not anticipate!

2. But though we have this evidence that God hath not forsaken us, and hath not given up his heritage to be trampled down by the heathen, we have abundant causes for shame and humiliation.

The first we will mention is our diminished zeal in the great enterprises of benevolence which we have commenced in former years. The evidences of this are partly found in the small amount of our contributions during the past year. In the years 1837 and '38, the gross amount raised for Foreign Missions and Education for the Ministry, was between 12 and 13,000 dollars. During the past year our contributions to the same branches of benevolent effort amount only to about \$4,500, or one third of the amount of the years mentioned above. During the last year the Theological Seminary has received but \$412, in direct contributions from the Church.

It is indeed true that the Southern Church has been greatly shorn of its ability to give by the reverses of the times; but not to that extent which this difference in our contributions would seem to indicate. We do indeed feel that we have been personally, and as a Christian community, guilty, in allowing these great religious efforts to languish to such a degree amongst us, and that we are under the most solemn obligations to deny ourselves, to divest our minds of all undue anxiety about worldly goods, and come forward at the present crisis to support the charities we have founded; and particularly to advance and sustain the great cause of Christian Missions—a cause which rests on the command of Christ, and which Christians must engage in with more and more devotedness till the world is embraced within the Church of God.

It is again a subject of humiliation to us that the Ministry is so poorly sustained by congregations able to pay the laborer his hire, and that in consequence of this the time and talents of so many of our Clergymen are divided between occupations undertaken to provide their families with bread, and the

noble employment of preaching the Gospel. Some of our Churches are stinting themselves in religious privileges, and spiritual food, that they may accumulate a little more of that wealth which is a temptation and a snare to their immortal soul. Though we are cheered by an increase in the number of young men devoting themselves to the holy Ministry, this increase is too small to supply the loss of Ministers by emigration and death, far too small to enable us to enlarge our borders and send our representatives to the heathen world—that the gifted young men of the Church generally turn aside to inferior pursuits—that there is so little prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest, is a just subject for lamentation before God. Our Theological Seminary and our Colleges should be remembered in the prayers of the Church, and all its members should unite in imploring the influences of the Holy Spirit on our Ministers, and that God would remember Zion, and from amidst her sons raise up many who shall preach the Gospel with untiring zeal, and be the means of turning many from darkness unto light.

And finally; the Synod confesses that its Ministers, Elders, and people, are too much borne away with the Spirit of the world; and that we cannot expect that degree of prosperity which Christ vouchsafed to a faithful Church, till we humble ourselves before God, seek his face in earnest prayer, deny ourselves those sinful indulgences in which our carnal nature delights; and return from our backsliding unto him. “O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him.”

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, which was placed on the docket.

Messrs. Montgomery, McQueen, and McKown, obtained leave of absence.

Messrs. Howe, Talmage and Aiken, were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of Oglethorpe University.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tenth Session.

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 23—9 o'clock.

Synod, met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read.

It was stated to Synod that there was a vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, occasioned

by the death of the Rev. R. W. James; whereupon nominations were called for, when the Rev. John Douglas was the only individual nominated, who was duly elected by ballot.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Oglethorpe University, presented their Report, which was accepted, and other nominations being made, the list was directed to be placed on the door, and it was made the order of the day for 1-4 before 12 o'clock for the election.

The order of the day was called for, which was the election of Trustees for Oglethorpe University, which was by ballot, and resulted as follows, (viz.)

Ministers—F. Bowman, A. N. Cunningham, J. S. Wilson,

Laymen—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia, S. C.; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga.; Col. D. C. Campbell, Macon, Ga.; T. Fort, Milledgeville, Ga.; M. G. Harris, Hancock, Ga.

The judicial case, (viz:) the appeal of J. McMahan from the decision of the Presbytery of Charleston, was taken up, when the Moderator admonished the Synod of the Solemnity of their obligation, as a Court of Jesus Christ. The sentence appealed from, was then read, together with the reasons of the appeal, and the Record of the inferior Judicatory in the case, with the entire testimony.

Rev. Mr. Baird was announced as the advocate of the appellant who addressed the Synod in support of the appeal.—But before the Presbytery had responded, Synod agreed to suspend the case, and proceed to other business.

Messrs. Smyth and Gildersleeve were appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the minutes of the present session, who were also instructed to cause all the standing rules of the body to be appended to the same.

The order of the day was then taken up—which was the troubles of the Church of Scotland when Overture No. 1, on that subject was read, and discussed. Rev. Mr. Forrest, a corresponding member, and Mitchell King, Esq. an elder of his church, being present, were invited to give to the Synod their views in relation to the subject of this Overture. After their addresses to the Synod, and still further discussion, the Overture was unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:

“This Synod glories in the truth so plainly taught in our Confession of Faith, that ‘there is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ,’ and ‘that the Lord Jesus, as king and head of his Church, hath therefore appointed a government in the hands of Church officers distinct from the civil magistrate.’ ‘To these officers the keys of heaven are committed, and it belongeth to the overseers and other rulers of particular Churches, by virtue of their office, and the power which Christ hath given them for edification, and not for de-

struction, to appoint assemblies, to convene in them, ministerially to determine controversies of faith, and cases of conscience, to set down rules and directions for the better government and further edification of the Church, to receive and issue all complaints arising from maladministration, and authoritatively to determine the same.' That 'Civil Magistrates may not, therefore, assume to themselves the administration of the Word and Sacraments, or the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, or in the least interfere in matters of faith—' Yet as nursing fathers, it is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the Church of our common Lord, without giving the preference to any denomination of Christians above the rest, in such a manner that all ecclesiastical persons whatever, shall enjoy the full, free, and unquestioned liberty of discharging every part of their sacred functions, without violence or danger. And as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in his Church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder the due exercise thereof, among the voluntary members of any denomination of Christians, according to their own profession and belief. It is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the person and good name of all their people, in such an effectual manner as that no person be suffered, either upon pretence of religion or infidelity, to offer any indignity, violence, abuse, or injury, to any other person whatsoever; and to take order, that all religious and ecclesiastical assemblies be held without molestation or disturbance.'

"It is therefore the right and privilege of the Church to elect and ordain ecclesiastical rulers to their respective offices in that way which shall appear most accordant to the Word of God, and most edifying to the Church. To the people also it belongs as an inalienable right to choose their own Elders and Pastors, and to the appointed Judicatories the power of licensing and ordaining Probationers and Ministers; or translating or removing them from one charge to another; of instituting process against them; of requiring their obedience to the laws of Christ, and of excluding the disobedient and disorderly from the privileges of the Church.

"This Synod would therefore express her deep and heartfelt sympathy with the Church of Scotland in her present difficulties—when the powers of the State without, and of a party within, are combined to restrict and compass her powers in the exercise of these her inalienable and heaven-granted rights. We would give her our warmest thanks for her noble contending for the headship and supremacy of Christ—the spiritual independence of the Church, and the indefensible right of every Christian people to choose who shall be over them in the Lord.

“Regarding as we do the act of 1711, regarding patronages as the great source of her present difficulties, we would further call upon her never to rest satisfied until she has procured the entire abolition of patronage in the Church of Scotland. Rejoicing in the manifest tokens of the Divine favor, vouchsafed to her especially in the various Missionary undertakings she has been enabled successfully to prosecute, and the revivals of religion with which she has been favored, we would assure her of our cordial sympathy, of our earnest prayers, and if need be, of our substantial assistance, in the maintenance of her present Christian and noble stand.”

Synod had a recess to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Eleventh Session.

Four o'clock, P. M.

Synod met

The thanks of this Synod were tendered to the members of the 2d Presbyterian Church, and other citizens, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body, and the Rev. Mr. Smyth and the Stated Clerk were requested to communicate the same in the way they think most appropriate.

The thanks of the Synod were also tendered to the President and Directors of the Rail Road Company, for their liberality in giving permission to the clerical members of this body to pass freely on the Road to and from this meeting.

The amended Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, was taken up, and further amended and adopted.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their Report, which was read, accepted, and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Synods of Virginia and Alabama, relating to one Theological Seminary, presented their Report, which was read, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

“*Resolved* 1st. That in the view of this Synod it is important to the interests of our Southern Zion, to the cause of ministerial education, and to the union, harmony, and co-operation of our Southern Synods, that they should be associated in the support and management of one central and general Theological Institution for the South.

Resolved, 2dly. That our Commissioners from the respective Presbyteries to the next General Assembly be appointed a Committee by this Synod to meet the Committees appointed by the Synods of Virginia and of Alabama, and of any other

Synods which may be appointed to confer with them and to bring before this body, at its next sessions, the result of their deliberations.

Resolved, 3dly. That this Synod considers its *own* Theological Seminary, located in Columbia, as occupying the most central and accessible position for the States moving in this matter; that it can supply accommodations for all the Students furnished by those States; that the Seminary is in good condition and upon a solid basis, and that Synod can sustain it, as far as its pecuniary necessities are regarded, independently of all co-operation from other Synods; and that this Committee of Synod, appointed under the second resolution, be therefore instructed to *urge* upon the Commissioners appointed by the other Synods, the claims and advantages offered by our Seminary."

Resolved, That Flint River Presbytery be specially enjoined to meet promptly the last year's assessment of this body by sending the amount to the Stated Clerk.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Letter from the Synod of Alabama which relates to Oglethorpe University, reported that the whole ground of their Report had been covered by the previous action of this body in adopting the Report of another Committee on the subject of this Institution.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of union between this and the Associate Reformed Synod, made their report, which was accepted; and agreeably to their recommendation a Committee consisting of Dr. Leland, Mr. Douglass, and Mr. Smyth, were appointed to confer or correspond with the Committee appointed by the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church on this subject, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Shear and Mr. Snowden were appointed a Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

Twelfth Session.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and proceeded to the appeal of Mr. McMahon from the decision of the Presbytery of Charleston. Several questions of order arose, but it was finally decided that the *original* parties in the case were the Session of the Church

at Columbia and Mr. McMahon, the appellant. The parties having been heard, the roll was then called to allow the members of Synod to express their views of the case.

It was then moved to remit the case back to the Presbytery for a new trial, which was decided by Ayes and Nays, as follows, viz :

Ayes.—*Ministers*—Messrs. Cater, Gibert, McKittrick, Bowman, A. N. Cunningham, Safford, Gregg, C. C. Jones, Axson, Patterson, Turner, Munroe, H. B. Cunningham.

Elder—Gillam.—14.

Nays.—*Ministers*—W. H. Davis, McWhorter, Talmage, Chamberlain, Baker, Petrie, English, Reid, Ketchum, Auld, M. Peden, Donnelly, A. G. Peden, Frazier, J. Jones, Gilland, Caldwell, Banks.

Elders—B. King, Lemon, Shear, Aiken, W. C. Robinson, Greene, McFadden, Miller, Workman, Campbell, J. King.—30.

So the question *to remit*, was lost.

The question was then taken, "Shall the appeal be sustained?" and decided in the affirmative by Ayes and Nays as follows, viz :

Ayes.—Gibert, W. H. Davis, McWhorter, McKittrick, Talmage, Baker, Chamberlain, Petrie, English, Reid, Ketchum, Auld, M. Peden, Donnelly, A. G. Peden, Frazier, J. Jones, Gilland, Banks, B. King, Lemon, Aiken, W. C. Robinson, McFadden, Miller, Workman, Campbell, J. King.—28.

Nays.—Cater, Bowman, A. N. Cunningham, Safford, H. B. Cunningham, Gregg, C. C. Jones, Patterson, Turner, Munroe, Gillam, Shear.—12.

Excused from Voting.—Axson, Green.

The Committee appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, reported that they had examined the same and find it correct, and that the account is kept in a lucid and very satisfactory manner.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to Mr. Adger for his gratuitous services for the Board, and for the correct and satisfactory manner in which he has reported his accounts to Synod.

Resolved, That Synod deem it important that Mr. Adger should continue his services as Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, and that the Clerk communicate to him a copy of these resolutions.

The following resolutions on the Report of the Executive Committee were read and adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That this Synod has learned with the deepest shame and regret that so little has been done in the cause of Foreign Missions within their bounds during the past year

—that only ten Churches have forwarded any contributions from the Monthly Concert—and that only thirty-four Churches have otherwise taken up any annual contribution—and that very few of these thirty-four out of 180 Churches, have voluntarily, and without any special agency, contributed to this cause.

Resolved, 2dly. That this Synod cannot but admit that the proclamation of the Gospel to every creature is the great work committed to the Church by her Divine Head and Master—that she is bound to carry forward this work to the very utmost extent of her means and her ability—and that nothing can excuse her for indifference or neglect.

Resolved, 3dly. That inasmuch as the Head of the Church is manifesting his displeasure against us for our apathy in His cause, by removing our Ministers, by withholding the Spirit, and by allowing our young men to grow up indisposed to the work of the Ministry—that the first Sabbath in January next be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, and that all our Ministers be solemnly enjoined, on that day, to present the subject of Foreign Missions to their respective congregations—to observe also the Monthly Concert for Prayer—and at some convenient time, during the year, to take up a collection to aid in the spread of the Gospel.

Resolved, finally, That as it is expressly taught in our Confession of Faith, (ch. xxxi.) this decree and determination being consonant to the Word of God, is to be received with reverence and submission not only for its agreement with the Word, but also for power whereby it is made, this Synod being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in the Word, and that every Minister be required to read these resolutions to his people, and impress upon them the obligation under which they lie to receive and comply with their suggestions.”

Overture, No. 4, reported by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows :—

That the publication of works intended to advocate the distinctive order and polity of our Church, should be encouraged, and their circulation among our people rendered as general as possible ; and it having come to the knowledge of this Synod; that one of their number, the Rev. Thomas Smyth, of Charleston, has recently given to the Church, among other valuable publications, “ An Ecclesiastical Catechism of the Presbyterian Church for the use of Families, Bible classes, and Private Members ”—And a series of Lectures on “ The Prelatical doctrine of Apostolical Succession Examined, and the Protestant Ministry defended against the assumptions of Popery and High-Churchism.”—

Therefore, *Resolved,* That the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia regard with pleasure and approbation, these pub-

lications as containing an able defence of the divine authority of the Protestant Ministry and a full and satisfactory exposition of the order and government of our Church ; and as demanded by the present state of the controversy on these subjects. And the Synod does, therefore, cordially recommend the said publications to all our Ministers, Elders, and private Members, as works of high value, and calculated to advance the intelligence of our Church, on our distinctive peculiarities and doctrines.

The Trustees of Oglethorpe University reported that they had elected Rev. S. K. Talmage, President : Mr. John H. Fitten, Assistant Professor of Mathematics ; and Mr. John B. Mallard, Tutor, which the Synod confirmed.

The Executive Committee on Missions was continued.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Athens, Geo., on the 3d Thursday in November, 1842, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

S. S. DAVIS, *Moderator.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

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MINISTERS.—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D. D.

LAYMEN.—Job Johnson of Newbury, S. C.; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga.; Gen. J. N. Whitner, of Anderson, S. C.; and Dr. Glenn.

For Two Years.

MINISTERS.—William A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., S. S. Davis, T. Smyth, and D. Humphreys.

LAYMEN.—William Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King, and Dr. T. Wells.

For One Year.

MINISTERS.—J. B. Davies, C. C. Jones, S. K. Talmage, I. S. K. Axson, A. N. Cunningham, J. Douglass.

LAYMEN.—G. T. Snowden, W. K. Clowney, Hugh Wilson, (of Watmalaw,) and P. F. Eve.

FACULTY.

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology

—————, Professor of Church History and Polity.

Extracts from the Minutes.

CHARLESTON, NOV. 18, 1841, }
 Four o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met according to adjournment.

PRESENT.—*Ministers.*—B. Gildersleeve, Secretary; Thos. Smyth, C. C. Jones, I. S. K. Axson, A. N. Cunningham, N. Hoyt, D. D., S. K. Talmage, S. S. Davis.

Laymen.—G. T. Snowden, Wm. Shear, Hugh Wilson.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, C. C. Jones was called to preside, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes were read.

A Committee of Audits was appointed, consisting of Mr. Shear and Mr. Axson.

A Committee of Ways and Means, consisting of Messrs. Jones, Snowden, Wilson, and Cunningham.

A Committee of Laws and Regulations, consisting of Messrs. Talmage, Davis, and Dr. Hoyt.

A Committee on the Library, consisting of Mr. Smyth and Dr. Church.

A Committee on the Buildings, consisting of Messrs. Snowden, Shear, and Gildersleeve.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Librarian's Report was read, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Librarian's accounts were referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Executive Committee reported that no business had required their meeting during the recess of the Board.

Ordered, that the reports of Investing Committees be handed to the Committee of Audits.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means to ascertain how it would affect the titles to the property of the Seminary in the contingent event of its removal from its present locality.

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

LECTURE ROOM 2d PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
 Nov. 19, 1841—half past 12 o'clock. }

The Board met at the call of the President. Present as above, together with B. King and William Dearing.

The Professors' Report was read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee of Audits, to whom was referred the Treasurer's and Librarian's Reports, reported that they had examined and found them correct—which was adopted, and the Reports referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Board had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

LECTURE ROOM 2d PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
Nov. 22, 1841—2 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met at the call of the President.

It was reported to the Board that the Synod had elected the following members for the three ensuing years, viz:—

Ministers.—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, and N. Hoyt, D. D.

Laymen.—Job Johnson, Wm. Shear, Gen. J. N. Whitner, and Dr. Glenn.

Rev. Messrs. Petrie, Wilson, Donnelly, and English, being present, took their seats as members of the Board.

The report of William Dearing, one of the Investing Committee of the Board, was submitted, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Secretary reported, for the information of the Board, that the late Mrs. Ann Timothy had left, in her will, \$2,500 to endow a Scholarship, to be called "the Telfair Timothy Scholarship," which, owing to previous legacies to be paid, will not probably be available under four or five years. Dr. Telfair, of Savannah, is the Executor of the Estate.

A letter from A. R. Smith, of Lawrenceville, Ga., addressed to the Secretary, was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Snowden and Shear.

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

Seven o'clock. P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee of Audits reported that they had examined the accounts of Mr. Dearing, one of the Investing Committee of Georgia, and found them correct. The report was then referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The committee on Mr. Smith's letter reported, that however much they may sympathize with the brethren who have suffered through the failure of the Gwinnett Institute, it is not in our power to afford them any relief—as the Board have no manner of claim upon them, and of course they have nothing to remit; and they would instruct the Secretary to answer Mr. Smith accordingly.

Their report was adopted.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be laid before the Synod, as their Report in part.

The following individuals were appointed an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, (viz :) G. T. Snowden, Wm. Law, J. H. Thornwell, D. T. Wells, D. Ewart, J. A. Crawford, and S. Crane.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to ascertain the precise amount, principal and interest, due on Mrs. Hall's Bond ; and to take what legal measures may be necessary in the premises.

Resolved, That it is expedient to create a sinking fund for the purpose of cancelling the above bond, and that the same be referred to the Executive Committee to originate the plan, and employ such agent or agents as may be necessary, to collect old subscriptions, and obtain new ones, for this purpose.

Rev. T. R. English agreed to act as voluntary Agent for the Seminary, from Bishopville to Indiantown, viz : in Bishopville, Mt. Zion, Salem, Midway, Sumterville, Concord, Kingstree, and Indiantown churches.

Rev. Wm. M. Reid was appointed as an associate with Rev. Mr. English, as an Agent in the above named churches—and Rev. Mr. Brearly, and Rev. Joseph Brown, in their respective sections of Harmony Presbytery.

Rev. C. C. Jones and Rev. J. Jones were requested to act as Agents in the Lower Counties of Georgia ; Rev. J. Douglas and D. McNeil Turner, in the Presbytery of Bethel, and Mr. Cater, and Wm. H. Davis, in the Presbytery of South Carolina.

And it was left with the Executive Committee to appoint agents for other sections of the Synod.

Mr. J. Moore, of Augusta, was associated with Mr. Dearing, on the Investing Committee, for the upper part of Georgia.

It was reported to the Board that the Rev. R. W. James, a member of this Board, had departed this life—Whereupon, Mr. Gildersleeve was appointed to bring in a suitable minute.

The following officers were then elected :—W. Dearing, President ; C. C. Jones, Vice-President ; Wm. Law, Treasurer ; B. Gildersleeve, Secretary.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Closed with prayer.

LECTURE ROOM 2d PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
Nov. 23—12 o'clock, M.

The Board met at the call of the President. Present as above, together with the Rev. J. Douglass, who had been elected a member of the Board in the place of the Rev. R. W. James.

The minute reported on the death of the Rev. R. W. James, is as follows, (viz.)

“Associated as many of us have been, in days past, with the late Rev. R. W. James, it is but proper that some tribute to his memory should have a place on our Records. From the origin of this Institution, to the close of his valued life, Brother James was its faithful friend and able advocate—and much of its past success and present prosperity, depends, under God, upon the wisdom of his councils, the ardor of his attachment to its best interests, and his self-denying zeal and gratuitous services in its behalf. When others were despondent, his faith seemed stronger than ever—When others relaxed their efforts, he exhibited the energy of his character.—Every one of his associates in the Direction felt that he acted upon principles deliberately formed, and sought only the glory of God, and the good of the church; and hence his great influence in the Board, in the Synod, and in the church. A thorough student himself, upon an excellent foundation, he saw clearly the importance of furnishing for the churches, a thoroughly educated ministry, educated in the principles of our faith and order, which the more they are examined, the better they are loved; and hence his labors in the cause. In this respect and in all others that adorn the ministerial character, Brother James was a pattern that might be safely imitated; and the savor of his name will descend to generations yet unborn.”

The committee of Ways and Means presented their report in full, which it was agreed to submit to the Synod, as our report.

Report of the Board to Synod.

From the various documents and reports relating to the Seminary, the Board would, from a careful inspection of the whole, present the following Report to Synod.

The Board deem it advisable to take somewhat an extended view of *the present condition and prospects* of the Seminary.

The information touching *its present condition*, may be collected under several distinct heads.

1. There are but *two Professors*, a Professor of Biblical Literature; and a Professor of Didactic Theology, including also, the evidences of Revealed Religion. The Departments of Church History and Government, and of Pastoral Theology, and of Pulpit Eloquence, are filled by the Professors conjointly, according to the division of subjects agreed upon between themselves. So that students, having access to a good library, and being directed in their studies, may make excellent advances in these several departments. The want of a

third Professor is felt and should be supplied as speedily as possible.

2. The number of *Students* in the Seminary during the past year has been *fourteen*. Of this number *nine* were graduated in July last, from the Senior class. *One* from the Middle class has been licensed by the Presbytery of Harmony within a few weeks. The number of Ministers furnished by our Seminary to our Synod during the year, is therefore *ten*, a large addition to our body, and they are young men of very high promise of usefulness to our Church.

The number left in the Seminary is *four*. The years 1839 and 1840, have been unexampled in respect to the fewness of applications for admission into our Seminary, being years of great spiritual dearth over our whole bounds. In 1839, there were but *three*, and in 1840, but *two*. The prospects for the present years 1841-2, are flattering. *Six* have already joined the Junior Class—*four* more are expected for that class, and *one* for the Middle Class, which will bring up the number to *fifteen*; and it is to be hoped that other additions may be made.

The general department of the Students has been highly creditable to them, both in the Seminary, and in the community around. They have exhibited a commendable diligence in study and regard for the laws and regulations of the Seminary, and have endeavored to make themselves useful in Prayer meetings, Bible Classes, and Sabbath Schools, and meetings for conference and exhortation; thus uniting practice with study in the course of their education. The general health of the students has been excellent.

3. The *regular exercises* of the Seminary have been continued throughout the year; some alterations have been made for the better in the study of Hebrew; and in that of Church History and Government. The exercises of public speaking and debate—the Wednesday evening Conference, and the Society of Inquiry, have been continued and profitable.

4. The Library consists of 3,784 volumes, but needs enlargement in all its departments. There is no Library in the Southern States in any institution that offers greater advantages to the Theological Student. The Library is well arranged and in good order.

5. The large *Seminary building* has undergone, and is still undergoing necessary repairs, and when finished and painted, agreeably to the present contract of the building Committee, will be in perfect order, and present an appearance of one of the most beautiful buildings in Columbia. The building Committee have undertaken the repair of the fencing to the lots of the Seminary, and of the house belonging to the Seminary east of it, and also various improvements in the Seminary

yard, contributing to the convenience, cleanliness, and comfort of the Students; in all of which they have received the approbation of the Board of Directors. And the Board desires to have the whole of our buildings and lots put into complete repair; a portion of the repairs must lie over for another year. The Seminary buildings can accommodate from 30 to 35 students, and at a small expense may be enlarged and fitted so as to accommodate fifty.

6. Funds of the Seminary.

1. Investments for the Support of Students.

1. The Lanneau Scholarship, original cost,	\$3,000 00
2. The Nephew,	2,500 00
3. The Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society of Charleston,	2,500 00
4. The Telfair Timothy Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Timothy, available in three or four years, which will be as soon as the estate is wound up,	2,500 00—\$10,500 00

2. Investments for the support of Professors.

In Georgia, per Wm. Dearing, Esq's. report,	13,249 57
C. C. Jones, do.	14,500 00
R. King, Esq. Executor of Estate of Mr. B. E. Hand,	3,590 03
In South Carolina. Investments in last year's Report—papers in the hands of Mr. Law,	28,682 92—60,022 52
	\$70,522 52

Interest on \$31,359 60, investments in Georgia at 8 per cent., is 2,508 76

Interest on \$28,682 92, investments on South Carolina at 7 per cent. is 2,007 80

Which, added together, gives us \$4,516 56, an amount sufficient to support two Professors, on a salary of \$2,000 per annum—and leaving a balance of \$516,56 for other expences.

The entire amount of invested funds, deducting the Telfair Timothy Scholarship, not yet available, say \$2,500 00, from \$70,522 52, is ——— Dollars,

\$68,022 52

7. *Liabilities of the Seminary.*

There is a debt due Mrs. Hall, for the Seminary buildings and lot in Columbia, the original amount of which was about \$5,000. There is the interest for several years due in that debt, which, added to the principal, will increase it considerably.

The expenses now incurring for the repairing of the building and lot, the Board would make no account of, as they will be met from contributions to the contingent fund, and from the interest of investments during the year.

The principal and only debt of the Seminary then, is that due Mrs. Hall.

There are subscriptions to a considerable amount on paper due the Seminary. There is one subscription of \$500, for Burke County, Georgia, in the hands of Rev. S. S. Davis, in part of which he has received notes amounting to \$230.— This entire subscription is considered good. There are some subscriptions due in the lower Counties of Georgia— and in the states of South Carolina and Georgia, in different parts, but the Board cannot arrive at their amount or probable value, without some further inquiry.

The result of an investigation into the present condition of the Seminary, it will be perceived, is briefly as follows :

The Seminary has two Professors and fifteen Students, and accommodations for 25 or 30 Students. A library consisting of 3,784 volumes. A fund of founded Scholarships, amounting to 8,000, to which another scholarship will be added as soon as the estate of Mrs. Timothy is wound up, of \$2,500— amounting in all to \$10,500—support of Professors of \$60,022 52, capable of supporting two Professors at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

It will be perceived also that the Seminary is liable for a debt contracted for the present buildings and lots, amounting, perhaps, with principal and interest, to 6 or \$8,000. And there are subscriptions to a considerable amount due the Seminary uncollected.

The *present condition*, therefore, of the Seminary, may be pronounced *very good* ; and is looked upon with satisfaction by the Board.

The Board turn now to *the prospects of the Seminary.*

We may commence a brief retrospect, and shall avail ourselves, in part, of the information contained in the Professors' Report :

“ It is 17 years since the Presbytery of South Carolina first resolved on the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution within its own bounds. The impelling motives

seem to have been a desire to raise up a well qualified Ministry to supply the destitutions of the Church, and to provide an Institution for the education of their sons, free from the sceptical influences which then pervaded the College of the State; and in which piety and learning should be blended in delightful harmony—but *first*, and *chiefly*, to raise up a native Ministry well qualified to preside over the Churches already gathered, and to extend the bounds of our Zion. Six years elapsed before the Institution went into operation in the regular form of a Theological School, on the premises which it now occupies. Its existence in its present regular form dates from January 1831.

Since the commencement of the Seminary in 1831, eighty Students have in whole or in part received their Theological education within its walls. Of the whole number seven have departed this life. Five have failed through ill health to enter the Ministry; twenty-one are laboring in other Synods; and six have become separated from us in the division of the Church; and forty-one are now connected with our Synod, being considerably more than one-third of its whole number. Many of these young brethren, had the Seminary not been in existence, would have entered the Ministry after a very partial course of study, and some perhaps would not have entered it at all.

The following tabular view will exhibit the attendance upon the Seminary for the eleven years of its existence:

	No. of Students.		No. of Students.
In 1831,	8	In 1837,	16
1832,	15	1838,	16
1833,	23	1839,	27
1834,	21	1840,	19
1835,	22	1841,	14
1836,	18		

The average number of Students, therefore, for the last eleven years in attendance upon the Seminary has been 19. The number for the present year, thus far, is below the average. Our Seminary is steadily, but slowly increasing. "We have 35 more Ministers than we had in 1829."

Since its commencement the Theological Seminary of this Synod, has accumulated a permanent fund for the support of Professors and Students of \$67,541. 95: owns two large Lots, and a large Seminary Brick Building, beautiful in construction, and finished in the most substantial manner with a Chapel Hall, two Recitation Rooms, and a Library Hall, and rooms on the upper and basement story for the accommodation of Students, and two Brick wings distinct from the main building also for the accommodation of Students, and all ne-

cessary out buildings, including a Commons Hall. The Seminary in this time has collected a Library of 3,784 volumes : has constantly supported two professors and a part of the time three—and eighty Students have either in whole or in part received their Theological education within its walls ; forty-one of whom are in our Synod. Although our funds have not increased as rapidly as we could have wished, nor have our Students been as numerous as the friends of the Redeemer have desired, yet we think that in view of what has been accomplished, this Synod has reason for great gratitude to God, the Parent of all our mercies, and for encouragement to continue its fostering care to this School of the Prophets.

The prospects of the Seminary for the liquidation of its only debt, which is not large, are good. The Board of Directors have entered into arrangements to have the outstanding subscriptions collected, and new subscriptions taken, through the voluntary agency of several members of the Board and of the Synod, with a view to the speedy extinguishment of the debt, and the executive Committee are charged with the duty of making every arrangement which may appear necessary, to bring about during the year, if possible, so desirable an object.

The prospect for Students is about the same that it has ever been, and their number in the Seminary must depend upon Revivals of Religion in our Churches, and upon the influence which our Bishops and Elders excite over our Candidates to direct their footsteps to the Institution.

The increase of the Library and the endowment of a third Professorship ought to engage the immediate attention and the vigorous efforts of the Synod.

On the prospects of the Seminary as a stable Institution of the Synod : and as perfectly able to sustain itself independently of any union with other Synods and States, and gradually to increase unto that perfection which we all desire, they may be pronounced good and sure ; and it is the desire of the Board that this impression be fully and distinctly made upon the members of Synod. The actual condition of the Seminary presented in this report, demonstrates the position—any ideas or opinion to the contrary, are without foundation—and the Board of Directors have no other purpose in view than to continue the Seminary, where it is, and perfect the work committed to them by the Synod, and thus far so mercifully prospered.”

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of the above Report be published in pamphlet form, for general distribution ; and that the expense of the publication be defrayed by the Board.

The Board had a recess to meet at the call of the President

AT MR. GILDERSLEEVE'S, Nov. 23—7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. C. C. Jones, Investing Committee for the Southern part of Georgia, was instructed to look thoroughly into all the investments, and if there be the least question as to their safe continuance in the present state, to take such measures in the premises as may render them perfectly secure and available.

The Standing Building Committee of last year was continued. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bill of the Librarian.

The Board adjourned to meet in Athens, Ga., on the Wednesday evening before the next meeting of Synod, 1842.

Concluded with prayer.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

REPORT

Of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, as adopted by the Synod.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in presenting their Report to Synod, would state, that during the year they have endeavored to do what they could in furtherance of the important work entrusted to their charge.

In accordance with the resolutions of Synod, and their own conviction of the necessity of a General Agency, your Committee, in conjunction with the Committee of the General Board, appointed the Rev. Mr. Sparrow joint Agent for that Board and this Committee, for the States of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, at a salary of \$1200, to be paid equally out of the treasury of the General Board and of this Synod. Mr. Sparrow entered on his duties, March 22d, and continued very laboriously and successfully to prosecute his agency until September, when, in consequence of a dangerous fall, occasioned by the running away of his horse, he was unfitted for any immediate labor, and having received a call to the Church at Prince Edward's, Virginia, he was, at his own request, dismissed from the service of the Board. It was the desire and expectation of your Committee that together with a full statement of his Agency, Mr. Sparrow should also have presented to this Synod a more detailed report bearing on the general subject. As neither have as yet been received, your Committee are unable to present a full statement of the result of his agency, further than is contained in the Treasurer's Account herewith submitted. They are also, for the same reason, unable to offer any general report.

Your Committee, however, cannot forbear calling the attention of this body to the lamentable falling off in the funds appropriated by the Churches to the cause of Foreign Missions, since the organization of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions

During the year 1834, being its first year of operations, the Southern Board reported as collected, the sum of	\$5,215 36½
During the second year, 1835, the net sum, besides a large balance in hands, of	5,959 38

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During the third year, 1836, besides a balance, the sum of	6,730 63½
During the fourth year, 1837, besides a balance, the sum of	8,682 06½
During the fifth year, 1838, the sum of	8,391 45
During the sixth year, 1839, when the Board was connected with the Assembly's Board, and the Churches connected with the A. B. C. F. M. withdrew their appropriations, the sum of	6,565 53
During the seventh year, ending in 1840, and when our Churches were left at liberty to do all that they had promised, and could do, for our own General Board and its various Mis- sions, the sum of	3,328 90

It is thus apparent that instead of increasing, the zeal and interest of our Churches have wofully decreased. In one of our earliest reports it was stated, that what we have done will shew us what we might do. There are within the Churches under the care of this Synod about 10,000 communicants, who could, without any great exercise of self-denial, give on an average about one dollar per annum, which would make \$10,000; and as this number might be multiplied by five, in estimating those who are attached to Presbyterianism or Congregationalism, though not members of the Church, we shall have 50,000; and since those not members are found as liberal as those who are, the sum of \$50,000 might thus be annually raised. And if Christians could be made to feel that their money, as well as their souls, are the Lord's, and entrusted to them not less for the promotion of his glory than their own personal comfort—might not this sum be increased an hundred fold?

It was, however, then believed that many of our Ministers and Churches were withheld from active co-operation and liberal contribution because we were not in formal connexion with the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.—And it was openly and confidently avowed, that were this connexion entered into, our treasury would be replenished with funds now kept back or alienated from it. The Synod, therefore, came to the resolution of dissolving its connexion with the A. B. C. F. M., and of connecting itself with the Board of our own Church. In alluding to the difficulties in the way of this contemplated change, the Board, in its fifth annual report, remarks:—

“The way therefore has now been opened for the accomplishment of long cherished wishes. As another phalanx, we have now determined to move up to the increase and

strength of the Sacramental host. Another flag will float on the breeze, as the united tribes of this one Israel move on under the great captain of salvation, to overthrow the kingdom of darkness, and to turn men from Satan unto God. May the Lord God of hosts make bare his arm in our defence. May he who is given to be a leader and commander unto the people, go up before us in the breakers. May that holy and Divine Spirit, in whose communications lie the will and the power to accomplish these heavenly purposes, be with us, and in us, as a spirit of wisdom to guide—of power, to uphold—and of victory, to cause us to triumph.

And surely we have reason to thank God and take courage in view of what he has done by us during the past year.—Without a general Secretary, so necessary to superintend, plan, and give efficiency to its operations. With but a partial supply of agency to communicate with the Churches—with commercial embarrassment and pecuniary difficulties all around.—With such a diversity of sentiment that there could not be a concentration of effort. Notwithstanding all these obstructions, there has been poured into the Treasury of your Board, the sum of \$8,391 45, which, with what is here handed over, would make \$10,156, being considerably more than the amount received last year, which included a considerable balance and was regarded as large.

It thus appears that notwithstanding all these difficulties and discouragements, there has been a gradual increase in the amount of our funds, affording a most satisfactory proof of the increasing knowledge and growing interest, in this subject which is spreading in our Churches, and assuring us that there is a rich harvest to be gathered in this Southern Zion, whenever we enter upon its ingathering with sufficient interest and zeal.”

To what then, your Committee would ask, is to be attributed the fact, that in the very next year after such sanguine anticipations were indulged—after every obstacle had been removed—and when our own Ministers and Churches were called upon to come up to the help of their own Missionary operations—instead of a growing amount of liberality, the receipts of our Treasury should have diminished one half ?

But this is not all, we have passed through another year.—The subject in all its magnitude was pressed upon our attention at the last meeting of this body. The claims of our General Board were fully canvassed.—By an overwhelming vote, we agreed to stand by it and to sustain it, in its glorious work. We passed solemn resolutions by an express recorded vote, to the following effect,

Resolved, That according to the standing order of Synod, each member be now called upon to report, whether he has observed in his Church the Monthly Concert for prayer, and taken up collections at the same time, and whether any collections in behalf of this Board, has been taken up during the year.

Resolved, That this Synod would respond to the call made upon it by the pressing necessities of our General Board, and would therefore solemnly, and with al the authority with which it is invested, urge the claims of this divinely commanded work upon the attention of all its ministers and Churches—that whereas during the past year not more than twenty, out of one hundred and seventy churches have reported any collections for this object, and not more than fifteen have reported any contributions for the Monthly Concert, we may, at our next meeting, be able to report the doings of every Church within our bounds.”

The duty of observing the Monthly Concert, and of taking up collections in aid of our Missionary operations, was thus solemnly enjoined upon the consciences of our Ministers, Elders, and Church members. Thus covenanted to God, and to each other—thus committed to the work and cause of Christ in the Missionary field—thus pledged before the world to do all we could during the coming year—what is the report now to be made to our own consciences, to the Church, and to the world, and to our God? By the treasurer’s account herewith presented, it appears that while the receipts of the last year had fallen off one half, from the preceding year, the income of the present year amounts only to the sum of \$2,250 20, together with \$755 10, reported to the General Board, directly, and making a sum total of \$3011 30.

Collections taken up at the Monthly Concert, are reported from the following ten Churches, viz :

The Augusta Church,	\$106 36
The Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	335 75
Athens Church,	126 93
The Beach Island Church,	30 00
The Willington Church, Abbeville District,	20 00
Cherokee County Georgia, through Mr. Mays,	3 00
The Church at Newberry,	5 00
The Church at Columbia,	100 00
Roswell Church, Cobb County, Georgia,	100 00
Beaver Creek Church.	15 00

From this it appears that while during the previous year, collections, as taken up at the Monthly Concert, were reported from only fifteen churches, they have been received during the present year from no more than ten. Not that the concert

has been observed only in these churches, but that from these only have distinct concert collections been announced.

Collections have also been acknowledged from the following churches, viz :—

Willington Church,	9 50
Concord Church, Sumter District,	56 15
Indian Town Church,	27 00
Little River Church, Newberry District,	31 62½
Hopewell Church, Pendleton District,	41 56
Bethany Church, Laurens District,	18 75
Good Hope Church, Anderson District,	38 65
Lebanon Church, Jackson's Creek,	23 19
Rocky River Church,	35 00
Mount Zion Church,	64 62
Rocky Creek Church, Abbeville,	71 12½
Mount Olivet Church.	30 75
Winnsborough Church,	127 62½
The Ladies in the Columbia Church,	66 36
Liberty Spring Church, Laurens District,	18 75
Midway Church,	10 00
Warrior Creek Church, Laurens District,	14 50
Walterborough Church,	11 81
Friendship Church,	15 81¼
Williamsburgh Church,	17 00
Providence Church, Abbeville District,	98 62½
Harmony Church,	24 00
Alcovia Church, Geo.	5 00
Lincolnton Church,	36 03
Augusta Church,	492 62
Mt. Zion Church, Hancock, Geo.	12 00

Collections have also been received from the following churches, by the Treasurer of the General Board :

Ebenzerville Church,	21 00
Concord, Purity,	35 00
Beaver Creek Church,	43 18
Bethesda Church,	80 00
Lexington,	10 00
Athens Church,	33 50
Milledgeville Church,	178 50
St. Augustine, E. F.	58 23

It will appear from the preceding statement that from ten churches there has been received, as the proceeds of Monthly Concert Collections, the sum of \$831 98, making an average of about \$84 to each congregation ; so that if our 180 churches should all contribute, so as to keep up the same average, the receipts from this source would be \$15,120. There has also been received as distinct congregational collections, from

34 churches, the sum of \$1,795 02, besides a larger amount not traceable to its specific churches, making an average collection of \$53, which, if received from all the churches, would give the additional amount of \$9,540, making a total amount of \$24,660; and hence it is apparent that on the most moderate calculation of what might be done, the churches within the bounds of this Synod could even, at the present rate of giving, by those who do any thing at all, contribute \$25,000 instead of three.

Such then is the contrast between our solemn resolutions and our practical doings. Such the position in which we are placed this day before God and the world. Such the regard manifested by Presbyterian Ministers and churches to the authoritative injunctions of this ecclesiastical judicatory, and to the imperative obligations imposed by the God of heaven. How this state of things is to be reconciled with a professed attachment to the principles of Presbyterianism, or how it can possibly consist with love and subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a true regard to his glorious cause, your committee are altogether at a loss to conjecture. Verily we are this day condemned by our own words and doings, and God is greater than our hearts, and knoweth all things.— We are surely called to deep repentance and shame, and humiliation before God; and what can we say to those who taunt us with our apathy and deadness? What answer can our 180 churches—our Ministers, Elders, and Church members give to the undeniable claim which this cause as urged by God, and the positive resolutions of this body, has upon their co-operation and assistance?"

The above Report was adopted by the Synod, and also the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That this Synod has learned with the deepest shame and regret that so little has been done in the cause of Foreign Missions within their bounds during the past year—that only ten Churches have forwarded any contributions from the Monthly Concert—and that only thirty-four Churches have otherwise taken up any annual contribution—and that very few of these thirty-four out of 180 Churches, have voluntarily, and without any special agency, contributed to this cause.

Resolved, 2dly. That this Synod cannot but admit that the proclamation of the Gospel to every creature is the great work committed to the Church by her Divine Head and Master—that she is bound to carry forward this work to the very utmost extent of her means and her ability—and that nothing can excuse her for indifference or neglect.

Resolved, 3dly. That inasmuch as the Head of the Church is manifesting his displeasure against us for our apathy to

His cause, by removing our Ministers, by withholding the Spirit, and by allowing our young men to grow up indisposed to the work of the Ministry—that the first Sabbath in January next be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; and that all our Ministers be solemnly enjoined, on that day, to present the subject of Foreign Missions to their respective congregations—to observe also the Monthly Concert for Prayer—and at some convenient time, during the year, to take up a collection to aid in the spread of the Gospel.

Resolved, finally, That as it is expressly taught in our Confession of Faith, (ch. xxxi.) this decree and determination being consonant to the Word of God, is to be received with reverence and submission not only for its agreement with the Word, but also for power whereby it is made, this Synod being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in the Word, and that every Minister be required to read these resolutions to his people, and impress upon them the obligation under which they lie to receive and comply with their suggestions.”

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Southern Board of Foreign Missions in account with
JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.

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1840		
Nov. 23	By this amount from Mr. R. Nason, of Fairfield District,	\$5 00
Dec. 4	Through Rev. T. Smyth :—	
	Willington church, S. C.,	\$9 50
	Mr. N. Harris,	10 00
	Gwinnett Institute,	10 00
	Alcovia church, Ga.	5 00
	Young ladies of Augusta, for Mrs. J. B. Adger,	50 00
	Mr. J. Davis, by Rev. M. Peden,	1 00—85 50
	Less—7½ pr ct. discount on \$50, Georgia Bank Notes,	3 75—81 75
7	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian church,	40 00
8	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, collections at Monthly Concert, Beech Island church,	30 00
16	Cash, from a friend in Sumpter, S. C., for the support of Beneficiaries at Missionary stations, Cape Palmas, through, Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve,	15 00
1841		
Jan. 6	Cash, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, From Concord church, Sumter District, for Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, through Mr. Henry Spann,	27 00 41 15
13	For Mr. Bartlett's Note collected, George Barr, from Indiantown church, through Rev. B. Gildersleeve,	96 31 27 00
27	Rosswell Presbyterian church, Cobb county, Monthly Concert, through King & Desaussure, (with 1 pair of Gold Ear Rings,)	30 00
28	Lebanon church, Jackson's creek, S. C., through Mr. John Adger,	23 19
	Less—5 pr ct discount on \$5, Georgia money,	25—22 94
Feb. 10	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Rocky River church, part of semi-centenary collection, through Rev. L. W. Curtis,	33 75 35 00
22	J. B. Bull, from Monthly Concert at Willington Church, Abbeville District, through Dr. William Tennent,	20 00
March 11	From James Mays, Esq., Cherokee county, Ga., collection at Monthly Concert, through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, \$3 50 ; less—discount on Georgia Bill, 50 cts,	3 00
12	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, \$42 50 ; less—supposed valueless, 50 cents,	42 00
26	From a Friend, for Assembly's Board,	3 00
April 5	Mount Zion church, through W. Harris, Secretary, \$35 ; less—discount ¾ pr ct on \$10 Georgetown, and \$5, and 1 pr ct on Camden Bill, 13 cents,	34 87
	Juvenile Missionary Society of Mt. Zion Church, Sumter District, for education of two heathen youth at	

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	Cape Palmas, Africa, through W. M. Reid, \$30 ; less, 1 pr ct discount on \$25, Camden Bills,	29 75
	Monthly Concert, church at Newbury, through Mr. B. Johnston, collected while Mr. Ketchum was Pastor, \$5 31 ; less, postage, 31 cents,	5 00
	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	32 00
	4 Through S. Crane, Esq. collections at Monthly Concerts in church at Columbia,	100 00
	12 Through Rev. J. Cater, collection in Rocky Creekchurch, Abbeville Dist. 17 00 Less—disct. on \$1, Georgia, and \$11, Hamburg and Georgia Bills,	75—16 25
May 4	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,	25 12
	10 Through Mr. Shear, Augusta, Ga. as follows :— Monthly Concert in Presbyterian church, Augusta, December 1840, \$17 50 January 1841, 8 68 February, 13 00 March, 23 00 April, 12 44 May, 10 00 Dr. A. Lacey, per Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, 13 00 Presbyterian Congregation in Augusta, for annual subscription, with 4 Rings and Silver Pencil Case, 428 50-526 12 Less—discount on Georgia Rail Road Bank Notes, 70 87—455 25	
	11 From D. W. Harrison on account of Missionary Chronicle, \$13 ; less—discount on \$5 Bill, 35 cents,	12 65
	12 Through Rev. W. Brearly, from the Winnsboro' church, \$55 00 Sundry members of Horeb church, 7 00 Female Missionary Society of Winnsboro', for benefit of Indian Missions of the Rocky Mountains, 25 00—87 00 Less—disct. on \$10 Tennessee, 7 pr ct, and on \$30 country notes, 1 05—85 95	
	13 From Rev. P. J. Sparrow, Agent,	140 00
	20 Dr. J. M. B. Harden, Liberty Co., Ga., through R. Habersham & Son, Savannah,	61 27
June 4	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	21 12
July 1	From Rev. Mr. Sparrow, Agent,	293 00
	10 From Mrs. Leland, Treasurer of the Ladies Association, Presbyterian church, Columbia, in aid of Foreign Missions, (of which \$30 is to constitute Rev. A. W. Leland, an Honorary Member of Assembly's Board,)	46 38
	30 Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 1st Sunday in July,	21 56
Aug. 3	Monthly Concert, do. in August,	32 60
Sept. 8	Do. do. in September,	20 00
Oct. 11	Do. do. in October,	25 64
	18 Donation from Mr. Dickey, of Sumter,	10 00
	28 Donation from Miss Timrod of Columbia, per Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, for the Pawnee Missions, Assembly's Board,	20 00
Nov. 8	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian church, Mr. Samuel Morrow, Spartanburg District, through A. Brown,	42 00 10 00

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9	Through William Shear, Esq. as follows:—	
	From Mrs. Barton, Treasurer Ladies	
	Foreign Missionary Society of the Pres-	
	byterian congregation in Augusta, Ga.	\$35 00
	From the Ladies of the Presbyterian	
	Congregation in Augusta, collected in	
	monthly subscriptions of 12½ cents, by	
	Miss E. McDowell,	29 12
	Monthly Concert in Presbyterian congre-	
	gation, Augusta, Ga.	21 68
	From the Presbyterian congregation of	
	Mount Zion, Hancock county, (Ga.,)	
	by Mrs. Bowman,	12 00—97 80
	Less—discount on Georgia Bank Notes,	1 66—96 14
	From Mt. Olivet Foreign Missionary Society, through	
	Mr. J. E. Caldwell,	30 75
18	Monthly Concert Beech Island church, through Rev.	
	B. Gildersleeve,	22 00
19	Do. Harmony church, through Rev. Mr. Auld,	14 00
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Disbursed as follows:

1841		Dr.
March 10	To paid Executive Committee's Order to Rev. T. Smyth for this amount contributed to Mission Press at Smyrna, under care of A. B. C. F. M.,	\$50 00
28	To amount Executive Committee's Order to remit Assembly's Board \$494 90, remitted in Bank of Charleston Check, No. 150, in favor of, and sent to Jas. Patten, Treas'r N. Y., for \$490; Exchange 1 per cent premium,	494 90
April 2	To paid Executive Committee's Order to Mr. Gildersleeve, for printing the Annual Report of the Committee and Treasurer,	20 00
19	To paid Executive Committee's Order to Rev. T. Smyth, Secretary, for bill of postage, pamphlets, &c.	11 00
Aug. 4	To paid Executive Committee's Order dated 21st April last, in favor of Rev. P. J. Sparrow, on account of salary,	300 00
	To paid Executive Committee's Order, this date, to Rev. P. J. Sparrow, Agent, on account of salary,	110 00
Nov. 19	To paid Executive Committee's Order for the use of Room at Depository,	50 00
	To remittance to H. Hill, Treasurer A. B. C. F. M., per Executive Committee's Order, in Jas. Adger & Co's Draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., for \$44 31, 1 per cent premium,	44 75
	To remitted Solomon Allen, Philadelphia, for the General Assembly's Board, by order of the Executive Committee, in Jas. Adger & Co's Draft on Brown's & Bowen, at sight, for \$1211 91, a 3 per cent discount,	1175 55
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		\$2,256 20

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

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Winter Session.—Cicero de Amicitia and Senectute; Græca Majora; Latin and Greek Exercises; Algebra, (Day's;) Geography.

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College—per annum, (payable semi-annually in advance,	\$50 00
Academy—Classical Department,	36 00
“ Primary Department,	28 00
Board, per month,	12 00

Commencement and Vacations.

Commencement Day is the 2d Wednesday of November.

The Winter Session begins on the first Monday in January, and closes on the second Wednesday in May.

The Summer Ssssion begins four weeks after the second Wednesday of May, and closes on Commencement Day, (2d Wednesday of November.)

No vending establishment can be opened within a mile and a half of the College, according to the Charter.

No Student is permitted to contract any debts without the written authority of the parent or guardian.

 REPORT.

The Trustees of Oglethorpe University respectfully report to the Synod:—

That during the last year the College has been conducted to the close, with as large a number of Students as it ever had, and with a harmony and efficiency probably unsurpassed at any other seat of learning. The College has felt the want of a President, principally in relation to the confidence of parents and Students in the permanency of the Institution; and the Trustees feel no hesitation in expressing the belief, that with this officer, and another Professor, the College would have more than doubled the number of Students of the last year. That number has been, about fifty in College, and an equal number in the Preparatory School.

The agency for the last year has been principally conducted by our General Agent, the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, and with such success as to cheer and gratify us. The amount of new subscriptions, (and to which his time has been almost wholly applied,) has, considering the pressure of the times, been in a high degree liberal and encouraging, and the cordial manner in which our Agent has been met, and the deep interest felt by all to whom he has had the opportunity of presenting the object, has not been less grateful to our feelings than the actually large amount of money subscribed during the same period.

By the advice and direction of the Board, the General Agent attended the meeting of the Presbyteries, and the Synod of Alabama, to lay our system of education before those bodies, and to seek their co-operation in accomplishing the great end we have in view. By these respective bodies our enterprize was very cordially entertained, approved, and recommended to all their Churches. The Committee to whom our object was referred by the Synod of Alabama made two reports;

the majority recommended the endowment of a Professorship by the Synod—the minority (principally, as we are informed, on account of an appearance of hostility which such an act might be supposed to exhibit by the Synod towards their State College,) recommended the resolutions adopted, to wit, a most decided recommendation of our object to the denomination in Alabama, and a pledge of hearty and cordial co-operation in carrying it out. For the details of this interesting visit, we respectfully refer the Synod to the General Agent; but will not conclude this part of our Report without the expression of our grateful feelings for the generous co-operation of the Synod of Alabama in our behalf, and at the manifestation of enlightened piety which can thus rejoice in a comprehensive system of Christian benevolence, though the centre of that system is beyond the bounds of its own jurisdiction. The General Agent believes that the endowment of a Professorship may be easily effected in Alabama, with the simple proviso that Synod shall have the appointment of the Professor, he being constitutionally qualified for the same.

But perhaps the most cheering circumstance attending the labors of the past year, is the evidence it has afforded of the deep and decided interest which the more general knowledge of the object of those labors has called forth in behalf of this great undertaking. The Church at the North and at the South is aroused, and deeply aroused, to the importance of the great cause. It is to the Trustees peculiarly grateful to know that the Fathers of the Church, those who have been longest in the field, for the faith of the Gospel and the good of our species, and to whose experience it is wisdom to defer; it is to us a matter of rejoicing that these venerable fathers, so near heaven, should yet find time, and deem our object of sufficient importance, to hail us in our arduous enterprize, and, with the ardor of youth, to cheer us with the assurance that *such* an undertaking cannot fail. The venerable Dr. Alexander, (himself a host,) has said he considers this *the* great object now before the Southern Church, and that he confidently anticipates more good from this than from all other Colleges, which are not founded on like principles—and with a heart flowing out towards us, bids us God's speed. Similar cheering has flowed to us from the venerable Dr. Miller, and numerous others, of the best and brightest of the Church of the North and of the South. Our own venerable fathers, Drs. McWhir, and Brown, and Barr, and Dickson, are our warm, and zealous, and hearty advocates and sustainers; exhibiting on all occasions, at home and abroad, (as we have evidence,) that they bear on their hearts this Christian Institution—this *sole* College of the Presbyterian Church. We array these venerable

and respected fathers before you, because the heartfelt approval and earnest desire for the success of our enterprize by such men, must obviate all doubts in regard to any undue enthusiasm which may be imagined by many to influence younger and more visionary men connected with it. We feel that after the sanction of God himself, in his own Book, that the sanction of these grey hours is the next highest we can obtain on earth. We do so too emphatically, because we know if we do not begin again to commend ourselves, or if we read epistles to you, *these* are our epistles, written in your hearts, known and read of you all.

And it is but little less gratifying and more a matter of astonishment to be cheered on, as we assuredly are, in our arduous undertaking, by a large portion of the best informed and most influential men out of the Church. The world is coming up to our aid, under the imperious sense of the *necessity* of our system. Without attempting to particularize, we would make, with the most perfect conviction of its truth, the general declaration, that at no city where your body convenes, at no town where your Presbyteries meet, can there be one pointed out where our system and our cause have not advocates and supporters of the first influence, and highest standing, who are not connected with the Church itself. And we deem this unimportant argument to wield before you; for it is no less a question for the determination of the Church than this. The world says we will lend you our aid in establishing the means of religious education for the country; will the Church refuse the offering for good thus tendered? The world says, here we offer you our children to be educated in the fear of the Lord; will the Church, *can it* refuse, to put these souls on the road to usefulness in this life, and to immortal happiness beyond it?—God forbid.

The Church and the world have sadly wandered on the subject of education, from the pathway pointed out in the Word of God. There can be no mistake here. Our duty is plain and perspicuous as the sunbeams of heaven, and it behooves us to walk in the light which God himself has shed upon our way. The positive command of the Bible is to train up our children in the way they should go, and a blessing is assured to *such* training, and to *such* trainers only. Nor are we left in the dark in relation to that way. The fear of the Lord is the *beginning*, the *very beginning* of wisdom—there can be no progress, no completion, when there is not even a beginning; we walk as fools, until we have begun the course of wisdom in the fear of the Lord. They are to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—Christian principles is to be their aliment from their youth upwards—the con-

science to be enlightened *pari passu* with understanding—and this cardinal lesson impressed on the heart and on the mind, to regulate all after life, in the expressive language of our text book, that “man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.” On such a system the father can pray for his child, and is authorized to press before Him who answereth prayer His own most gracious promise, with a certain assurance of an answer of peace. Can the parent thus pray even for his own offspring, who has placed them under a system totally regardless of the Divine command, nay which from the circumstances connected with it, positively interdicts the use of the means ever deemed by the Church essential for its fulfilment? It is for such, it is for all to answer to his conscience and to his Maker this important and most interesting inquiry.

The progress of the mind, as it is called; the advance of science at the present day, is, in the opinion of this Board, one of the boldest and most impressive calls upon the Church to reform her system of Education, and to bring it back to the landmarks of Christianity. Without attempting in a mere report to enter at large on this topic, we cannot omit this occasion incidentally to remark, that probably there never was a period when it was more important that science itself should be shielded by the safeguards of Christian principles, than at the present. Putting aside all examination of the long discussed question of the tendency of the Mathematics and other usually taught sciences, as well as the literature of the schools, in its moral influences, when taught without the checks and counterbalances of a religious system of instruction, enough is at hand which admits of no discussion, and which seriously appeals to the conscientious intelligence of the Christian world. Physiological science, in its most honored halls, has come up the champion and the propagator of the system of Materialism—and has spread dread havoc in its march. We believe the rife Materialism of France may be traced to these scientific legislators, and much, very much of the Materialism of the world directly to the influence of the Physiological Halls. And the illegitimate science of Phrenology has come up to the help of her more respectable but desecrated sister, and demonstrates to its own perfect satisfaction the materiality of the mind of man. Geology, too, has grievously forgotten her own humble pretensions as a science, and gone far out of her way in her endeavors to confute Moses, or to force him, after the manner of the great scholars of the German School, to mean quite another thing from what he says. And what could be expected from such a state of things but what is actually before us? The philosophy of the day is radically a

sensual philosophy, however much glorified by Utilitarian titles—and is wholly idolatrous, however far its followers may boast its removal from cant. A material science necessarily begets a material philosophy, and such have we. Utility is the great first principle of the modern philosophy, and its whole tendency is the application of intellect solely to the multiplication of human desires, and by the most ingenious application of science and the arts to discover the means of their easy attainment. Sensualism is the chief good, and gold is the key to its attainment. The prevailing spirit, and genius, and design of the system is, to inculcate the desirableness of earth. The blessings of earth are the chief objects of man's creation—gold commands the blessings of earth—gold is consequently the god to be worshipped by the present philosophy; and *it is* worshipped. And its career, its progress, has been singularly brilliant. It has annihilated time and space by its mechanics, has substituted the hand of man by the ore of the earth, and supplanted human labor by the steam of the boiling cauldron; and with a thousand similar improvements and appliances, has given to human action a mightier impulse, and human exertion a steam power impetus, for the attainment of worldly aggrandizement. The world is in a fever of anxious exertion—too busy, far too busy in preparing to live, to spare time to prepare to die. Too full of the riches and joys of earth, to spare a moment for the attainment of the joys and treasures of heaven; and the spirit of gain has become the soul of the world, and the attainment of gain its chief end. The modern philosophy has demonstrated this great truth—that earth is of more consequence than heaven—that three score years and ten are of more value than the eternity that lies beyond it. And how readily has the world learned the lesson, and acted out its principles. Has crime, in connection with frauds, and cupidity, and indolence and licentiousness, ever been so rife before. The high and the low, the man of a lifetime of staid habits and respectable conduct, and the tyro from the school, even the female from the highest walks of life, all, all have bowed in idolatry to the golden calf, and walked to its altar through the slimy paths of crime, the mention of which, in a more wholesome state of public morals, would have disgusted and affrighted them who now press forward over every moral restraint in the service of their idol, with no other trammel than the mere fear of human punishment. Let but the present state of things continue, and Satan himself will desire no more potent instrumentality than this unsanctified sensual philosophy of the day, however boasted by its votaries to populate the regions of woe.

Shall not the youth of our country be saved from the wretchedness, the destructiveness, of this blighting, pernicious

system? Is it possible that under its dominancy the best men in our land are brought to a pause, and to reflect whether it is not better, safer, more their duty to deny the blessings of education to their children, especially of that portion which necessarily withdraws them from the family roof—and the parental eye, rather than expose them to the dangers which beset all thus situated, and the ruin which has overtaken, alas! too many. That this is a fact we appeal to every one in this Synod, observant at all of the subject under consideration, or the community with which he mingles. Shall we put out the light of intelligence, or shall we do our duty, and by so purifying our system of education, so hallowing it with the influences of Christianity, make it what it was intended by our Maker to be, a blessing and not a curse to the creatures he has formed. The experiment is before us—that it will prove successful, we believe—that it must prove so, or ruin and curse, must attend all our efforts to ameliorate our species, we know. It is for the Christian world to determine whether the experiment shall succeed *at once*, or *not*. It may be retarded—it must eventually triumph, whatever *we* may do. But we trust *this age* will at least commence the work of this second reformation of the world, looking to a faithful Heavenly Father to prosper his own work.

The Trustees desire to lay before your body a general view of the situation of the University, as connected with its property, and assets, and its liabilities. By reference to the accompanying statements the Trustees will discover that we cannot, with entire accuracy, say how much may be lacking of our present assets to pay off our entire liability, for we cannot tell how much of the old subscription may prove valueless. But our debt cannot exceed, over our sound assets, from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. The property of the University, it will be seen, has cost, and is considered by competent judges as not having exceeded a fair cost, about seventy thousand dollars.

Oglethorpe University Account Stated.

Liabilities, (about)	-	-	\$64,000 00
Oglethorpe University College Building,	-	-	40,000 00
Dormitories,	-	-	10,000 00
President's House,	-	-	5,000 00
Academies,	-	-	4,000 00
Lands, about 500 acres,	-	-	10,000 00
Legacy, about \$4,500 or \$5,000, say	-	-	4,500 00
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			\$73,500 00

Brought over,	- - - - -	\$73,500 00
Assets—New Subscription and good,	-	39,000 00
Old Subscription, \$35,000, deduct for bad sub- scriptions and doubtful, \$24,000, more than two-thirds,	- - - - -	11,000 00
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Sum total, of property and assets,	- - -	123,500 00
Deduct Liabilities,	- - - - -	64,000 00
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		\$59,500 00

It must not be forgotten that the University lost, by fire, the whole Steward's appertenances of the Institution, the immense building alone having cost \$12,000, besides perfect and complete furnishing, making a total say of \$15,000, to which they are properly entitled as a credit, besides credits from year to year, in paying the Professors and Teachers the residue due them, over and above the tuition. Thus leaving now \$14,000 to be added, of good subscriptions, to clear the University from all its liabilities, and leave the property entirely disentangled.

This amount the Trustees will themselves, and by their agency, complete, and more than complete, and look not, and desire not, that the Synod should trouble itself in relation to it. But the Board do trust that the Synod will set the example so ready to be followed by other States, of commencing at once the foundation of a Professorship for each State. Alabama and Mississippi, we believe, only need this example to found one each, and we know that Florida will do its duty.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SYNOD.

Resolved, In the opinion of this Synod, it is in direct opposition to the Constitution and usages of our Church, and of extremely pernicious and dangerous tendency, for Elders or private members of our Churches, to preach the Gospel in public congregations, without first obtaining regular licensure.—*Minutes*, 1829, p. 22.

Resolved, That the money raised in Georgia, for the permanent fund of the Theological Seminary, shall be on the following terms: The interest of such funds to be appropriated for the benefit of the Seminary, until such time as the Presbyterian Church in Georgia shall deem it expedient to have a Theological Seminary in their own State. When such period shall have arrived, and such an Institution shall have been established, then the donors, or their legal representatives shall be at perfect liberty to withdraw these funds for the benefit of the Georgia Seminary.—1830, p. 15.

Resolved, That the Synod, at each of its stated meetings, spend two hours in religious exercises, consisting of reading the Scriptures, appropriate psalms and hymns, short addresses, and more especially, social prayer for the blessing of God on the members of this body, on our deliberations as an ecclesiastical Judicatory, and on the Churches committed to our care—and that from 10 o'clock in the morning to 1 o'clock in the afternoon, of the second day of each meeting of the Synod, be spent in these exercises—and that it be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and designate the brethren who shall conduct them.—1832, pp. 10–11.

Resolved, That as soon as practicable after the opening of each meeting of Synod, a Committee be appointed, consisting of a member from each Presbytery, to make the necessary arrangements for the religious exercises during the continuance of the meeting; and that this arrangement, as soon as made, be announced by the Moderator to the Synod.—*Ib.* p. 19.

1. *Resolved,* That to impart the Gospel of Salvation to the Negroes of our country, is a duty which God in his Providence and Word imposes upon us.

2. That in the discharge of this duty, we separate entirely the civil and religious condition of this people; and while we devote ourselves to the improvement of the latter, we disclaim all interference with the former.

3. That the plan which we shall pursue for their religious instruction, shall be that permitted by the laws of the States constituting the bounds of this Synod.

4. That we deem religious instruction an advantage to, master and servant, and every where conducive to our interests for this world, and for that which is to come.

5. That every member of this Synod, while he endeavors to awaken others, shall set the example, and begin the religious instruction of the servants of his own household, systematically and perseveringly, as God shall enable him.

6. That we cannot longer continue to neglect this duty, without incurring the charge of inconsistency in our Christian character—of unfaithfulness in the discharge of ministerial duty—and at the same time meeting the disapprobation of God and our own consciences.—1833, p. 24.

Overture No. 2, was taken up, which is as follows:—“Can a Presbytery authorize an Elder to sit, in a judicial capacity, with the Session of a neighboring Church?” which, after some discussion was answered in the *negative*.—*Ib.* p. 25.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to its Ministers and Elders, the introduction to their Sabbath Schools, of the Shorter Catechism, as a part of the regular instruction, and that for this purpose the Key to the Shorter Catechism, containing illustrations, proofs, doctrines deduced, questions and helps, be employed.

Resolved, That this Synod do again earnestly recommend to all heads of families, to resume, if they have neglected, and continue, if they have followed, the good old customs of the Fathers of our Church, regularly, and at set times to instruct their children and dependents, in the doctrines contained in the Shorter Catechism.—1835, p. 49.

As it appears to this Synod that the indifference manifested by Christian parents as to the moral and religious character of the Teachers to whom they entrust their children, is highly inconsistent with their covenant obligation, therefore,

Resolved, That it is our decided opinion that it is the bounden duty of all our members to commit the education of their children only to those instructors whose moral sentiments, example, and religious instructions, are such as conscientious Protestant Christians can approve.—*Ib.* p. 63.

Resolved, That as a standing rule the Synod call upon its members at its regular sessions to report their efforts on the Foreign Missionary cause, and the instruction of their Churches in the distinctive doctrines and discipline of the Presbyterian Church.—1836, p. 13.

Resolved, 1. That this Synod consider Slavery as a civil institution, with which the General Assembly has nothing to do, and over which it has no right to legislate.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod look upon whatever acts passed by the Assembly, which have been of the nature of legislative acts on the subject of slavery, as without authority and void; and shall so consider all similar acts in time to come.—1837, page 23.

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries in this Synod be directed each to direct annually at their Spring Sessions two Ministers and two Elders to attend the examination in the Theological Seminary, and who, together with such Committee as may be appointed by the Board of Directors for the same purpose, shall constitute a Board of Visitors, which Committee shall prepare a full report of the examination before they separate, which report shall be presented to the several Presbyteries and to the Synod, and shall be published for the information of the Churches.—1838, p. 23.

To the question whether a Presbytery could call a meeting out of its own bounds, which had been submitted to the Synod, an affirmative answer was given.

“Whereas great confusion and laxity is occasioned by the irregular removal of members of our Churches without their bounds, or withdrawal from attendance upon their ministrations—And whereas the General Assembly has limited the validity of any certificate of Church membership to the term of a single year, and have thus instructed us that the absence of a member of any Church from within its boundary or supervision, for the space of a single year, is sufficient ground for questioning and examining into the fitness of such an individual for continued connexion in said Church—And whereas, by the By-Laws of several of our Churches, different provisions are made on this head, therefore,

Resolved, That it be from this time, recommended as a rule of action in this case, to the Churches under our care, that the name of any individual who has absented him or herself from the services of the Church for the space of one year, or has removed from within its bounds, without taking a dismission, and been absent for that length of time, shall be stricken from the roll of members; nor shall such individual be re-admitted to the privileges of membership without giving satisfaction to the Session of said Church, nor shall a certificate of dismission to any other Church be granted to such individual after their names are thus stricken from the roll—Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this rule shall be considered as applicable to those who may be absent from the bounds of said Church, on necessary and temporary business, or prevented from attendance upon the ministrations by sickness or infirmity.”